

PPP Youth All For BN As One Party For All Malaysians
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 30 (Bernama) -- Turning Barisan Nasional (BN) into a single party for all races could eventually restore confidence and support of the younger generation which wants to be identified only as Malaysians, and no longer by race or ethnicity.

The People's Progressive Party (PPP) Youth believes going multiracial would be the perfect way for BN to win back the hearts of present and future youth, as well as let them be the example of true-blue Malaysians.

Youth chief Harridz Mohan said the BN must prepare itself to face that challenge and start embracing the concept of multiracialism as one party, of bringing the rakyat as one under the BN flag.

"The younger generation now is very open-minded and ready to accept each other as Malaysians. What is needed now is for the BN to open the way, which is only natural, by offering the party as the best platform.

"Therefore, merging into a single party will be the best solution for us (BN) to tackle the needs of the younger generation and at the same time, ensure the party's survival in the long run," he said in an interview with Bernama recently.

Commenting on the mechanism of gaining back votes from the opposition, Harridz said the structure of the BN should be re-designed with priority on maintaining a united leadership.

"We should stand as one party led by one president as is the present structure of the BN, rather than having component parties for each ethnicity because people want to see equality where possible and permissible by the Federal Constitution among Malays, Chinese and Indians," he said.

He believed that through merging of all the component parties into just one BN, there would be no more racial issues.

Supporting the current wave brought about by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's call for national reconciliation after the recent 13th General Election (GE13), Harridz said it was a perfect time for the BN to get into gear and instill the 1Malaysia concept further.

Recently, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had also said the proposal to turn BN into a single party was rational and needed to be studied in detail to ensure continuous support from the people in future.

On the need to maintain vernacular schools, Harridz said Malaysia should only have either 'wawasan' or 'kebangsaan' school with all languages, particularly Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mandarin and Tamil, taught to all students.

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