

GE13: Muhyiddin's dare to Pakatan Rakyat
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MUAR: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has given Pakatan Rakyat a 24-hour deadline to state if it would abolish all 200 1Malaysia products introduced by the Barisan Nasional government should it come to power.

Specifically naming DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli to respond to his dare, the Deputy Prime Minister said there were over 200 1Malaysia products which are targeted at various segments of society ranging from the poor, single mothers, former servicemen, fishermen, taxi drivers to students.

"I challenge Rafizi and Guan Eng to answer if the 1Malaysia programmes we have initiated are not helpful and worthless.

"If they remain silent, it means they acknowledge that the Barisan's policies are working and if that is so, why should the rakyat vote them into power?" he asked during a meeting with residents and fishermen of Kampung Sri Pantai near here yesterday.

Opening the Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) temporary campus in Pagoh Jaya later, Muhyiddin said his dream of making Pagoh a knowledge centre was fast becoming a reality.

He said work to clear a 200ha plot along Jalan Panchor near here where several universities would be located by 2016 was under way.

"When I proposed to the Government to make Pagoh a major educational hub in the region several years ago, I did not think it could happen so fast.

"But today, UTHM has set up a temporary campus and brought 135 students from its main campus in Batu Pahat to study here," added Muhyiddin, who is the former Pagoh MP.

In **Kuala Lumpur**, Muhyiddin said new institutions would be formed to address socio-economic issues faced by urban dwellers, particularly those living in public housing.

"At the last Cabinet meeting, the Prime Minister noted that those living in public housing in urban areas differed from those in the rural communities which have access to numerous support services," he said at a meet-the-people gathering in Setiawangsa.

He said the institutions would address issues such as cost of living, public transportation, housing and welfare.

Speaking at another event in Bukit Naning on Saturday night, he said a fresh mandate for the Barisan would take Malaysia to greater heights.

He said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was facing the electorate for the first time since assuming the Umno presidency and taking over as Prime Minister.

“So, I urge all, be they villagers, farmers, fishermen, cattle and fish breeders or professionals, to vote for the Barisan,” he added.

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