

**Muhyiddin Lays Foundation Of New Apartment For Tide Victims**  
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KUALA BESUT, July 13 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin Saturday laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 72-unit four-storey apartment which will house victims of high tide and strong waves in Kampung Pengkalan Atap, here.

The three-room per unit apartment project costing RM10 million is built on 720 square metres of government-owned land in Kampung Lay Out Tok Saboh in Kuala Besut.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Deputy Prime Minister said the project proved allegations by certain political parties that UMNO neglected the less fortunate was untrue.

"This project means a lot to the people while for the government it is a responsibility that will be continued without limiting opportunities to certain groups (only). Each group wants comfort and safety so it's up to the government to fulfill this," he said.

Also present were Terengganu Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Ahmad Said, Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan and the Barisan Nasional's (BN) candidate for the Kuala Besut by-election, Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin also refuted allegations by certain quarters that BN's policies were not in line with Islam by challenging them to say that efforts such as providing homes to the people was inconsistent with Islam.

The Deputy Prime Minister said construction of certain institutions and social development as well as provision of 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) were development and aid which were not against Islam.

Government efforts had never even been defined as illegal by muftis, religious figures or the National Fatwa Council, he added.

"This is not a political campaign, but I heard a political leader say that UMNO's efforts are not Islamic, against the religion and not based on Islam.

"How can they say that when they accuse a Muslim of doing something against religion. I won't say anything, it's up to everyone to evaluate," he said.

Muhyiddin then performed Asar prayers at the Al-Muhajirin Mosque in Kampung Beris Lampu, before meeting with the congregation and local residents.

He also took time to explain development programmes planned by the government to improve the lives of the people and listened to the woes of residents, promising the state and federal government will make good of promises in their election manifesto.

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