

**Choose People-oriented Representative Not One Interested In Business -
Muhyiddin
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KUALA BESUT, July 16 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has called on Kuala Besut voters to make a wise decision in the by-election for state seat on July 24 by choosing the candidate who wanted to serve the people.

He said after watching a video on the Internet, it was clear that PAS's candidate for the seat Endot@Azlan Yusof was more interested in becoming a businessman than being an elected representative.

Based on the video, he said, it was obvious the candidate was more focused on business as he had stated his willingness to employ workers to carry out the responsibilities of an elected representative.

"He (PAS candidate) was told to be a candidate but he is interested in business, we cannot help see the contradiction but priority should be given to voters and the people in the area," he said.

"Maybe it was a mistake (on his part) but now he is not allowed (by PAS) to speak about it," said when asked to comment here Tuesday on the PAS candidate who was reportedly gagged from issuing statements to the media.

On July 24, Azlan, a businessman will be facing a former engineer and local boy, Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abdul Rahman, representing Barisan Nasional (BN) in the Kuala Besut by-election.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said the announcement of a housing project in Kuala Besut was not due to the by-election as it had been planned a long time ago and was only awaiting allocation approval.

According to him, it was not a new issue as it was the responsibility of the government to inform the people.

Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said when asked at the same media conference on acquisition of land belonging to the people by the government, said the matter was baseless.

He said when PAS administered Terengganu from 1999-2004, government lands were given to the people without the approval of the Land Department.

"During its rule, PAS gave land to the people without the approval of the Land Office. The present government has to adhere to regulations on each land application...the party has no right to give out land," he said.

Recently, PAS accused the Terengganu BN government of seizing and dismantling several houses built in Kampung Lay Out, Tok Saboh to build 72 units of apartments. The project was launched by the Deputy Prime Minister last Saturday.

Besut PAS chief, Wan Azhar Wan Ahmad claimed the housing lots there were given by the

Terengganu government during PAS administration.

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