

Umno Youth, Wanita lack fight in defending Bumi rights, says Muhyiddin
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Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has accused the party's Youth and Wanita wings of not doing enough to champion the cause of the Malays and Bumiputeras.

Calling on Umno leaders to be at the frontline in fighting for the community, the deputy prime minister said "certain quarters, especially Umno Youth and Wanita, were seen to have been keeping silent when matters concerning the rights of the Malays and Bumiputeras were being debated", reported Bernama from Pagoh yesterday.

If certain quarters were threatening the rights of the Malays, the people would expect Umno to champion the issue and to defend their rights as stipulated in the Federal Constitution, he added.

Having said that, however, Muhyiddin admitted that Umno must make comprehensive changes in order to remain relevant and to retain power in the future.

According to Bernama, he said whatever decision made by the voters in the last general election must be accepted and that Umno members should not give up, but to stay strong in facing the ever-challenging political landscape.

"When I go to the ground, I find that some Umno members are less enthusiastic now...and when asked, they said the political ecosystem has changed and that they were worried that we will lose.

"In a situation like this, it's important for us to face whatever decision made by the voters.

"However, if Umno wants to retain power, it must make some changes. Not just for the sake of making changes, but to change towards achieving our goals," he said at the simultaneous opening of Pagoh Umno Youth, Wanita and Puteri annual conference.

Muhyiddin told Bernama that the changes were vital because without such changes, Umno would not be able to last and Umno's relevancy would always be questioned over the next five years. - July 9, 2013.

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