

Have Collective Discussions To Avoid Too Many Candidates Vying For Posts - Muhyiddin Bernama
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ALOR SETAR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Umno Deputy President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin wants candidates for party posts, especially in divisions, to engage in deliberation to avoid too many candidates vying for the same post.

According to Muhyiddin, through the process of deliberation, they can decide the best choice of candidate for a certain post, in line with the Umno transformation process.

"I understand that it will not be as easy as it may seem but to achieve the objective of choosing candidates who are eligible, qualified and respected, we need to adopt such a practice," he told reporters after attending Kedah Umno's Aidilfitri open house at the Sultan Abdul Halim Stadium in Suka Menanti, here, Saturday.

Muhyiddin said the process of party election now can go through a registration process and anybody can offer themselves for a specific post and not like what was practiced before.

He added that his proposal to go through a deliberation process was not to interfere in the party's democratic approach but a platform that can be used to choose the right leader.

Muhyiddin who is also the Deputy Prime Minister said Umno election has always been the focus of the people, not only within Umno, but also those not in Umno or among non-Malays.

He added that non-Malays would also like to see Umno continue to be a strong party because it is the pillar of strength for Barisan Nasional (BN) which is a component of many parties comprising various races.

Muhyiddin said his was a general suggestion and not aimed at any individual who has offered himself or herself as a candidate for posts in the party.

He added that Umno leaders who have served the party for a long time must also adopt a similar process when the time is right and not just be self-centered.

"It is not that we do not value the sacrifice and contributions of the long serving leaders or sideline them because they will continue to have a role to play. They can continue to offer their services through Mubarak (Majlis Bekas Wakil Rakyat Malaysia) or become advisors at their level.

"I will also reach that stage," he said adding that it was important to prepare the second echelon to continue the struggle of the party.

Muhyiddin and his wife Puan Seri Noorainee Abdul Rahman had earlier joined thousands who attended the open house, including Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Paduka Mukhriz Mahathir and Perlis Menteri Besar, Azlan Man.

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