

Muhyiddin all for Najib's Bumiputera push, calls it a very lucky day
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To Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin it was "a very lucky day" and "a new chapter" for Bumiputeras. The Deputy Prime Minister was giving full backing to the new measures and strategies unveiled today by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to empower Bumiputeras economically.

"We are not apologetic or worried if the non-Bumiputeras or even the international communities were to see this as something concerning only a certain group," he said

Calling it "a new chapter in Barisan Nasional's (BN) struggle, especially for Bumiputeras", he said, "For me, today is a very lucky day and indeed the most-awaited event.

"For us, what matters most is the Bumiputera agenda and we truly respect the prime minister's firmness and courage," he told Bernama after Najib's announcement at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Shah Alam today.

Muhyiddin said the five main points also reflected the government's continuous attention to the inclusive agenda.

"The setting up of several bodies, including the Bumiputera Economic Council (MEB) which is to be led by the prime minister himself and myself as his deputy, will definitely take the Bumiputera economic struggles to greater heights.

"The MEB secretariat will be led by a credible leader with minister status capable of ensuring that each agenda will be implemented," he said.

Muhyiddin said he was also confident that all measures and strategies could be implemented and that he hoped Bumiputera control in all economic areas would be increased in the next seven years or by 2020.

"We want the Bumiputera community to give their response to the announcement, we want to see, in this short time-frame, a prominently visible increase in terms of the equity and asset ownership, as well as human capital development (will be achieved)," he said. - September 14, 2013.

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