

**Pang Hails Muhyiddin's Call For Unity In LDP**  
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KOTA KINABALU, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- Newly-appointed Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) deputy president Datuk Pang Yuk Min said he welcomed the recent statement by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who wanted the internal problems of the Sabah-based party to be resolved soon in the interest of preserving harmony in the Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition.

He said if everybody prioritised the interest and the struggle of the party, it could certainly be resolved amicably.

"I certainly welcome it...I am looking forward to seeing such a plan whereby all leaders (of LDP) can sit down and come up with a solution for the sake of the party.

"What is happening now is too much negative publicity...very bad thing that is coming out from both sides, not from its leaders but from the grassroots, it is not good for the image of the party and Barisan Nasional (BN) as a whole," he told reporters after witnessing an agreement signing ceremony involving MASwings, Star Cruises and Airworld Travel, here today.

Pang, who is also State Assistant Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment, represented its Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun at the function.

He was asked to comment on Muhyiddin's statement last Tuesday on the matter.

Expressing concern over the leadership crisis in the parties, Muhyiddin, who is also the BN deputy chairman, was quoted as saying that he had directed BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor to discuss with these parties whether there was a possibility of reconciling or solving the problems and achieving understanding to mitigate them.

Asked on whether the move for reconciliation was too late, Pang said: "nothing is impossible in politics".

The LDP leadership crisis came to a boil recently after LDP secretary Datuk Teo Chee Kang announced that he would run for president.

Party president VK Liew then sacked Teo for allegedly violating the party's constitution and failing to carry out instructions of the supreme council members.

Liew was quoted as asserting that the supreme council meeting on June 9 had decided that the posts of president and deputy president were not to be contested to avoid a split among members, and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Teo, who is also the Minister of Special Functions in the Chief Minister's Department.

This internal bickering saw Liew's faction planning to hold the party's annual general meeting (AGM) on Oct 19 at the Yu Yuan multi-purpose hall in Sandakan and another faction attempting to hold on Oct 6 (Saturday) at Kian Kok Middle School, near here.

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