

**UMNO Members Reminded To Be Brave In Facing Change - Muhyiddin
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BERA, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- UMNO members are reminded to be brave in facing change and not follow change if they want to continue to be relevant in the thinking of not only the Malays but also Malaysians.

UMNO deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said this was because the political scenario and situation had now changed and were no longer the same as the last 10 to 30 years.

"A lot of changes have taken place in the country and, as such, the thinking of Malaysians and Malays themselves had changed a lot.

"The faces of the children whom we raise today maybe similar, such as wisdom, way of thinking and what we hear from them, including from the social media, so the community is more exposed to real-time information.

"However what is worrying me is that many among UMNO members are unaware that the time has change, the thinking and speech of the community are no longer the same as before and they now want better conditions and reforms," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, was speaking at the Bera UMNO division delegates meeting at Bera Rakan Muda complex, Sunday.

Also present were Bera division UMNO chief Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who is also Agriculture and Agro-based Minister and Pahang UMNO Liasion Committee deputy chairman Datuk Mohd Sharkar Shamsuddin.

Muhyiddin said UMNO needed to view the situation as a challenge and make changes to ensure the party's continual survival.

"The present time is full of difficulties, I have met many quarters and I said take it as a challenge.

"If we do not see it as a transformation or challenge to maintain the relevance of UMNO, then it is the end for us," he said.

Hence, he said, UMNO members must immerse themselves in the thinking of not only the Malays but also all the other races in the country.

"We have to know what the Malays think but because our struggles are not confined to the Malays and we have the 1Malaysia spirit, we also want to know the thoughts of the non Malays.

"This is because, as a country, we have people of multi-racial and religious backgrounds, a fact that cannot be denied," he said.

He said the Malays solely could not live peacefully and be successful if non Malays did not live likewise and vice versa.

At the same time, he gave assurance that UMNO would continue to be a party that fought for the interests of Islam and Malays even though some quarters claimed that UMNO was no longer in that equation.

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