

Today's Umno Struggles To Defend Nation's Independence, Sovereignty - Muhyiddin Bernama
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BEAUFORT, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Umno today struggles towards defending the country's independence and sovereignty, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Muhyiddin, who is also Umno deputy president, said the independence of the country attained 57 years ago was the dignity of Malaysians being able to administer and develop the country without foreign interference.

He said independence also brought to the formulation of the national constitution to determine the rights of the people.

"It is thus important for Umno to be part of Barisan Nasional (BN) as the respective component BN parties also want Malaysia to be more developed.

"It is not easy to manage a country with various communities with different races, cultures, religions and way of life," he said when opening Beaufort Umno division delegates' meeting here.

Also present at the conference, which was attended by about 650 Beaufort Umno delegates, was Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

According to Muhyiddin, the BN government's leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was always thinking on how develop the country without marginalising any races.

He also reminded Umno members to work hard for the people and not wait until the general election to show their concerns.

He said continuous efforts to assist the people would see the commitment of Umno and BN to the people manifested and, at the same time, garner their support for the coming general election.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said he was impressed with the development of Sabah under Musa's leadership.

He said cordial relations between the state and federal governments had contributed towards rapid development taking place in Sabah.

"So long as there is a BN government, we will always be committed towards peace and progress in Sabah," he said.

Muhyiddin also said the efforts of irresponsible parties in bringing Sabah out of Malaysia

was unconstitutional and an act of treason.

"The history of Sabah with Malaysia began in 1963. Sabah is Malaysia and not just a part of Malaysia.

"These small groups which are propogating to secede Sabah from Malaysia should be stopped," he added.

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