

**Sekolah Kebangsaan Penimbawan, Tuaran Gets Najib, Muhyiddin's Attention**  
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MUAR, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said works to rehabilitate Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Penimbawan in Tuaran, Sabah, would hopefully be completed this year.

He said allocation for the project costing between RM5 million and RM10 million was approved last year and disbursed about seven or eight months ago.

"The technical plan takes time to complete. It is not that we do not want to do the project. We have completed four schools, this school is the only one left.

"The snag is due to some administrative matter. But we will try to expedite it," he told reporters after attending the Pagoh Music Carnival Fiesta at Dataran Agro Bazar here today.

Muhyiddin who is also Education Minister, said the ministry's secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad was currently in Sabah to ensure that work on the project would progress without hindrance.

He was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's directive to Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa to investigate a claim that SK Penimbawan was operating without proper infrastructure.

According to the claim, the school's classrooms did not have walls and tents were used as an alternative for the lessons.

Yesterday, Najib said in his twitter to Ali: "TS KSN@AliHamsa55 siasat dan ambil tindakan untuk bantu jika benar. Ini tidak patut berlaku" ("..investigate and if really true, do the necessary. This should not be happening".)

The prime minister's action was in response to @saroki19 who sent a photograph of the school through hashtag #SchoolWithNoWall.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said rehabilitation works on schools damaged by the floods last year were being carried out, through the ministry's existing funds.

"The government incurred substantial losses, amounting to more than RM450 million. But what is important now is that the learning and teaching process is not disrupted," he said.

He said there was presently no requirement to increase the allocation but should there be a necessity, the ministry would submit an application for it.

Muhyiddin also said the state education department directors involved had been given the

green light to appoint contractors to expedite the rehabilitation projects involving more than 200 schools.

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