

**Stop Any Sign Of Extremist Tendencies Immediately - Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 19 (Bernama) -- Any sign of tendencies towards extremism among Malaysians must be immediately stopped and addressed before it poses serious threat to the peace and stability in the country, deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

Therefore, strong measures must be put in place to keep such threats in check and address its root causes.

"Malaysia has done so by introducing tough laws to deal with such threats, including the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) which has been passed by the Parliament recently," he said when delivering his keynote address at the International Forum: 'Engaging the Young to Criminalise War and Energise Peace' at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here Sunday.

Also present were Founder/Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Foundation to Criminalise War (KLFCW) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Founder/Chairperson of the Criminalise War Club (CWC) Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman.

Muhyiddin, who is also the education minister, said the theme for this international conference was most appropriate as it had clear and precise message to the young, as they assumed an important role in the shaping of the future.

"The organisers have also scheduled the young members of the pioneering CWC to share their world views of what their movement is all about, their hopes and aspirations," said Muhyiddin.

He added the young generation must understand and appreciate that this country had been blessed in many ways, and that there was no armed conflict or massive loss of life like in other places.

"I remind you of this to highlight to our young audience here of what peace and goodwill can bring to all of us, not just in our own homes and backyards, but also at the international level. And because we have given our children the best in education, health care and welfare, most Malaysians enjoy a high standard of living.

"Many are able to seek jobs internationally, all because of a solid background in primary and secondary education," he said.

Muhyiddin also advised the young that they must appreciate the time and Dr Hasmah's effort on her involvement to the projects under CWC that was established since 2007.

CWS aims to build a community having the full knowledge, awareness and understanding of the effect of war, especially on women and children. CWC now has at least 13 such clubs

in the country.

Earlier, Muhyiddin also complimented Dr Mahathir for speaking his mind on his view and advocacy against war.

"He (Dr Mahathir) has been very vocal on voicing out the brutal truth of war. Telling the truth and standing up...this is his trademark since he was a young doctor and Umno member," Muhyiddin said.

Meanwhile, Dr Mahathir said the conference was dedicated to the future of the children.

"The future of our children is so important, it was appropriate to host this conference on several topics related to warfare over two days, which started yesterday," he said when met by reporters later.

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