

**Nip any extremism in the bud, says Muhyiddin – Bernama**  
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Any tendency towards extremism among Malaysians must be stopped and addressed before it poses serious threat to the peace and stability in the country, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

Strong measures must be put in place to keep such threats in check and address its root causes, he said.

"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 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) in Kuala Lumpur today.

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 Affairs 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 shaping the future.

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

He added that 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 backyard, 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."

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. – Bernama, April 19, 2015.

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