

**BN Fields Candidates For Elections To Help Solve People's Problems - Muhyiddin
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BUTTERWORTH, April 30 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) fielded candidates for the general elections and by-elections not just for them to become elected people's representatives, but more for helping to solve the people's problems, said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy chairman said this was in line with the government's commitment to assist the people regardless of their race, ancestry, religion and background.

"The poor should be assisted, the disabled too. We also help the jobless, then only it's a good government. With the support of the rakyat (people), we can carry out our work in a better manner," he said in his speech at a gathering with the Indian community, here, today.

Muhyiddin said as deputy prime minister, he knew what the people wanted and what they were restless about.

"The GST (Goods and Services Tax) issue, top-up, and (concerns) about goods, going to the market (price hikes), children's clothing are all in my head."

Muhyiddin said the government chosen by the people must be a government that understood the people's problems and which should do something so that the people would not become poor.

"The government should help the people in whatever way so that their burden would not remain. This is why we need to give BR1M (1Malaysia People's Aid). Although there are those who don't support BR1M, I do. This is money from the oil subsidy.

"In one year, RM24 billion is saved when the price of oil is floated. We give it back to the people...this is targeted subsidy.

"Subsidy is only for people who need aid. The rich don't need subsidy. Take from the rich to give to the poor," said Muhyiddin.

In this regard, he called on the Indian community in the Permatang Pauh parliamentary constituency to vote for the BN candidate Suhaimi Sabudin in the by-election on May 7 to ensure a better future for the residents.

"The important thing is to give him (Suhaimi) support for him to win and become an elected representative.

"Then he will call the MIC leaders to discuss the problems of the Indian community in

Permatang Pauh...housing problem which has not been solved by the Penang government, (and) temple and hall problems," he said.

The Permatang Pauh by-election on May 7 will see a four-cornered fight involving Suhaimi, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (PKR), Azman Shah Othman (Parti Rakyat Malaysia) and Salleh Isahak (Bebas).

The by-election is being held following the Pardons Board's rejection of the incumbent Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's petition through his family for a royal pardon for his sodomy conviction, thus disqualifying him as the area's MP.

He is now serving a five-year jail term for sodomising his former personal assistant, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan.

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