

**Don't Forget Government's Good Deeds Even Though Dissatisfied Over Issues - DPM
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MUADZAM SHAH, May 4 (Bernama) -- The people should not forget the government's good deeds in developing the country even though they are now dissatisfied over various issues such as the Goods and Services Tax (GST), said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The deputy prime minister said the government was aware of the people's dissatisfaction and it would undertake efforts to protect their interests.

"I hope they are not angry with the government to the extent of forgetting its efforts all this while to assist them," he said after officiating at the ground-breaking for Dewan Semai Bakti at Felda Keratong 4, near here, Monday.

Also present at the ceremony were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for the Rompin parliamentary seat by-election Datuk Hasan Arifin.

Muhyiddin said the government would step up enforcement and take legal action against those trying to take advantage of the implementation of GST, thus burdening the people.

"The important thing is action at the enforcement level, and we have informed the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry to take stern action against errant traders in order to protect the interest of consumers."

Muhyiddin also said that all issues raised during the Rompin by-election campaign had been explained in detail.

"So far, we have no major problems, we have identified the issues and many of them have been clarified like the Felda issue," he said.

Hence, he was confident that people in the Rompin parliamentary constituency would lend big support to the government.

He also reminded the BN supporters not to be complacent to the extent of not coming out to vote tomorrow, and those living outside the constituency not returning home to vote, which could cause a reduced majority for BN.

Asked if BN won in Rompin, whether it would have an impact on the Permatang Pauh parliamentary seat by-election, Muhyiddin said it was BN's hope for the victory here to overflow to that constituency.

However, the situation, background and arising issues in Permatang Pauh were far different from that in Rompin, he said.

He also said that it was unreasonable to make the GST as the yardstick in determining the people's acceptance or rejection of BN in both constituencies.

Muhyiddin, who is also BN deputy chairman, then attended a closed-door briefing of the BN by-election machinery at the Rompin Umno division office.

Arriving at 5.20pm, he spent about 45 minutes at the briefing given by Rompin Umno division secretary Datuk Wan Kadri Wan Mahusain.

Also present were Hishammuddin, who is BN machinery's chief coordinator for the Rompin by-election, Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and UMNO supreme council member Datuk Razali Ibrahim.

The Rompin by-election will see a straight fight between Hasan and PAS candidate Nazri Ahmad following the death of the incumbent MP Tan Sri Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis on April 4 in a helicopter crash in Semenyih, Selangor.

A total of 52,744 voters are eligible to vote tomorrow at 38 polling centres, while 464 voters or 85.1 per cent of the 545 early voters had done their duty last Thursday.

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