

**Malaysia To Use International Standard On Age Limit To Climb Mount Kinabalu – DPM
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SINGAPORE, June 14 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will use a world standard if there is a plan to set the age limit for people who want to climb Mount Kinabalu in Sabah.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said this was the state government and other relevant parties' proposal over the mountain-climbing activities there.

"And if there is a suitable international standard on the age limit for climbers which we can apply, we will do so.

"But whatever it is, we leave it to them (the parties concerned)," he said when met by Malaysian reporters, here, Sunday.

Accompanied by his wife Puan Seri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, Muhyiddin had earlier watched the women's Masters bowling competition at the on-going 28th SEA Games held in the island republic.

Also present were the Malaysian High Commissioner to Singapore Datuk Husni Zai Yaacob and his wife Datin Norshiha Hasbullah.

On the foreign victims, including from Singapore, killed or injured in the earthquake incident in Ranau, Sabah, recently, Muhyiddin said: "We have assisted them in managing those injured and the remains of those killed."

He said all arrangements to send the bodies home and to carry out the DNA tests had gone well.

"We also thank all the parties involved (in making the arrangements).

"This is our duty as a responsible nation; we help those who are victims of a disaster," he said.

In the June 5 earthquake of 5.9-magnitude on the Richter scale, 10 Singaporeans were killed, comprising seven schoolchildren, two teachers from the Tanjong Katong Primary School and a tour guide, while climbing Mount Kinabalu.

Following the disaster, some groups suggested that those aged below 15 years be forbidden from climbing Mount Kinabalu.

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin had reportedly said that Malaysia would be looking at the safety protocol for those climbing the mountain.

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