

**Malaysia Needs Earthquake Monitoring Centre – Muhyiddin  
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RANAU, June 7 (Bernama) -- Malaysia needs an earthquake monitoring centre as part of the country's preparedness requirements to face future earthquakes, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Muhyiddin said the earthquake monitoring centre was necessary especially in Sabah which has yet to have a special centre to track the possibility of such natural disasters.

"An earthquake is not something we can predict. But, now this has happened. As such, we need to take measures to handle future occurrences.

"We have a Geoscience Department but we do not have a monitoring centre.

"In the latest incident, no one issued any warning. It may happen again and we do not have a department responsible to monitor impending disasters here," he said after being briefed on the Ranau earthquake here Sunday.

Muhyiddin said a study would be conducted involving both local and foreign Geoscience experts to identify how to establish the centre.

He said the centre would house experts in the field apart of having the relevant equipment to monitor earthquakes at all times.

He said studies by geoscientists were required to introduce evacuation standard operating procedures (SOPs), early warning system as well as training for residents around earthquake prone areas.

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