

Putrajaya ensures people's interests, well-being given priority, says Muhyiddin
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The government will ensure that the people's interests and well-being are given priority although the country is facing all kinds of challenges, including global economic uncertainty, said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The deputy prime minister said it was not easy for the leaders to administer the country which had diverse races, religions and languages but it was proof that the government was capable of doing everything for the people.

"We have achieved many successes that have become the existing government policies to help all races and groups," he said when speaking at the breaking of fast and zakat presentation at Surau Saadiah in Muar today.

Muhyiddin was accompanied by his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman.

Also present were state Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Executive Committee chairman Ismail Mohamed, Jorak state assemblyman Datuk Dr Shahrudin Md Salleh and Pagoh Umno Division Wanita chief Senator Datuk Noriah Mahat.

Muhyiddin said Malaysia was not exempted from the effects of the global economic uncertainty currently affecting many countries, but that assistance had been provided to ease the people's burden.

"Despite the uncertainty, our people are fortunate because the situation is still peaceful and we have given much assistance to ease their burdens.

"For instance, the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) being given to the people and, at the same time, it is not being given to the people in other countries," he said.

He said because of that, Muslims in the country must become Muslims who could be emulated when Muslims in other countries such as Syria and Iraq were facing problems.

Muhyiddin urged the people to pray that the country's prevailing stability and prosperity would be maintained despite the many present challenges.

"As deputy prime minister, I am always asked about challenges and I understand how they are feeling, but we will ensure that the people will continue to enjoy comfort and security," he said.

He said in conjunction with this Ramadan, Muslims were also encouraged to perform prayers so that the country would continue to be in a conducive and peaceful situation.

"The government will ensure the interests of the majority will be given priority compared to the interests of the interest groups," he said.

The prime minister said the government would also ensure no any one group would be sidelined amid the country's prosperity.

At the function, Muhyiddin also witnessed the presentation of business zakat from the National Farmers' Organisation (Nafas) amounting to RM250,000, Uda Holdings Berhad (RM150,000) and Bank Rakyat (RM100,000). – Bernama, July 6, 2015.

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