

## **Muhyiddin slams Ahmad Maslan over 'tomorrow's not election day' remark**

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International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan's recent jibe that elections won't happen tomorrow is an "international joke", Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

Saying that the remark did not make sense, Muhyiddin slammed Ahmad for recently saying so. The deputy minister was responding to Muhyiddin's earlier statement that Barisan Nasional would lose the elections if it were to be held tomorrow.

"I know elections won't take place tomorrow," Muhyiddin told Umno delegates in Kluang today.

"An Umno leader from Johor who has position in the party and the government asked why does one need to say BN would lose tomorrow because tomorrow is not elections," he said.

"That's like an international joke, like how a mother would ask the son, what would you like to become when you grow up tomorrow? And the son says... tomorrow I'd still be small," he added.

He said that as Umno's election director it was his responsibility to warn the party about upcoming challenges and the situation on the ground.

Muhyiddin made the statement last week while officiating the Cheras Umno annual general meeting, and was later sacked from the Cabinet by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

The removal was believed to be related to Muhyiddin's criticism of 1MDB and Najib's handling of the crisis.

"When I mentioned that, it was a reminder, not something intended to ruin the party's image. I wanted to remind people, if we don't rise up now, we will face a tough time ahead." he said. – August 2, 2015.

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