

We are all agents of national unity, Muhyiddin tells M'sians
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PETALING JAYA: Empathy for fellow humans despite their creed to fight the invisible enemy during the Covid-19 pandemic has proven that everyone of us is an agent of the nation's unity, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (pic).

In his virtual launching speech of the National Unity Policy and National Unity Blueprint 2021-2030 on Monday (Feb 15), the Prime Minister also said that such an attitude has also managed to put aside politicians who manipulate racial sentiments for their political gains.

Muhyiddin, who was accompanied virtually by National Unity Minister Datuk Halimah Sadique and her deputy Datuk Ti Lian Ker, said that the National Unity Policy by the National Unity Ministry and based on Rukun Negara, was formulated to invest long term in unity between the races, cultures and religion to create a strong nation.

“The quest for unity is a journey, not a destination.

“We must put our intention right and strengthen our efforts to ensure the country is united, not only for the present generation but for our children's and grandchildren's generations to come.

“Unity is the ardent wish of every country in this world. Malaysia's image as country of various ethnicities, religions and cultures is always an example

of the united country. Even though we have differences, competition and conflicts, our long existent social unity in our society has kept our unity intact to this day that many other countries want to learn from us.

“The unity among Malaysians was most obvious in reality when the country was hit by challenges and problems. At a time when we faced the Covid-19 waves, we saw the unity spirit by all Malaysians regardless of race and religion.

“With the slogan of #KitaJagaKita, the rakyat assisted the government to spread a positive message to support the movement control order and adhere to the SOPs.

“It is obvious that Malaysians are patriotic as we unite in our hearts to fight the invisible enemy. We are patriotic because we want harmony and yearn for unity in this country.

“Congratulations to Malaysians on this unity! If this spirit of unity and helping one another is continued, I am sure we can overcome any future challenges.

The Prime Minister said that during the pandemic, Malaysians have demonstrated their unity through their empathy to care and assist one another regardless of race and religion.

He also applauded the frontliners who worked hard to treat everyone during the Covid-19 crisis.

“We need to further tend to this empathy in our efforts to understand racial issues in a more balanced and wholesome perspective.

“Just like other multi-racial countries, we only see the racial issues from the angle of certain races and groups. This perspective has to be made better so that it will be holistic and nurtured through the education system and media.

“We must also be aware of the manipulation of racial sentiments by politicians. This is the main challenge of almost all multi-racial countries. The political actors try to raise themselves by exploiting racial sentiments, which we must avoid,” said Muhyiddin.

He warned that the government will not compromise on anything that threatens the unity of the nation.

He explained that the National Unity Policy is in line with the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030, Malaysia’s Five-Year Plan and other existing policies.

“Unity in diversity based on the integration model is what we wish for Malaysia. This is because history has proven that Malaysians have accepted that this country is diverse and from various races, religions and cultures.

“Due to this diversity, the efforts to unite this country has to be complemented by continuous integration efforts,” said Muhyiddin.

He pointed out that the three objectives are to strengthen unity and national integration based on the Federal Constitution and Rukun Negara,

to create a national identity and to mould Malaysians who appreciate and practise unity.

National Unity Policy and National Unity Blueprint 2021-2030 will be carried out by the National Unity Ministry under the Prime Minister's Department.

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