

3 police reports lodged over Penang 'doa' issue
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Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said police had so far received three reports over the "doa khutbah" (prayer during the Friday sermon) issue involving some mosques in Penang.

He said police were now investigating the allegation contained in the reports.

"There are those who say that the 'doa' during the Friday sermon has been misunderstood... wrongly reported. So, we need to know the facts," he said.

Meanwhile, he called for calm from all quarters over the issue involving the alleged use of Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's name instead of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin's name in the "doa khutbah" at some mosques in the state recently.

The Umno vice-president said any racial or religious issue needed to be carefully studied and handled to prevent deep-seated anger.

"Even a Friday sermon can become polemic, and I am very unhappy about this. But before accusing anyone, let us study it carefully. We should control our emotions before it's too late."

Hishammuddin, who is also Sembrong member of parliament, said this after a religious and breaking-of-fast function at the Ulu Belitong Felda land scheme in Kluang today.

Penang Umno liaison chief Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had on Thursday revealed the use of the chief minister's name in the "doa khutbah" the previous Friday in some mosques in Permatang Pauh and Jelutong.

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