

Muhyiddin: Panel will probe principal's derogatory remarks
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PUTRAJAYA - Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin (left) said Friday a committee has been set up to investigate a Johor school principal over the alleged derogatory remarks she had directed at some of her students last week.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, said the committee, headed by the deputy secretary-general (management) of the ministry, would get to the truth of the matter.

"Up to now, the reactions may have been too emotional, but any follow-up action by the ministry must be fair.

"We have to get the facts because some of the information has been contradictory, and there have been reports lodged with the police," he told reporters after chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Human Capital Development, here.

Muhyiddin was asked to comment on the incident where the principal allegedly told Chinese students they were not needed in the country and could return to China and that the prayer strings Indian students tied around their necks and wrists were similar to dog leashes.

Muhyiddin said that though the principal had apologised and gone on leave, these were interim measures.

Disciplinary action would only be taken after the ministry received a comprehensive report from the committee, he said.

"As the individual holds a senior post, DG48, disciplinary matters would have to be referred to the Public Service Department (PSD)," he added.

As to the police reports, he said it was left to the police to conduct their own investigation. - Bernama

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