

PM tells authorities to probe prayer issue
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PEKAN – Najib Abdul Razak wants the police and Penang Islamic Religious Council to conduct a full investigation into the alleged use of Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's name, replacing the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's, in the "doa" after the Friday sermon at some mosques in the state recently.

The prime minister said action must be taken against those responsible.

"I ask that this matter be fully investigated; who did it...as the delivering of Friday sermons is determined by the state Islamic Religious Council and people are not allowed to use our own script," he said at the handing of Raya goodies for the Malaysian Armed Forces here Saturday.

Penang Umno liaison chief Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi was this week reported to have revealed the use of Lim's name in the "doa" recited after the Friday sermon at some mosques in the Permatang Pauh and Jelutong areas recently.

"What happened was clearly against the state Islamic Religious Council's ruling and this should be investigated by the relevant authorities, and action taken in accordance with the stipulated procedures," said Najib, according to Bernama.

Pakatan Rakyat came to Lim's defence, accusing Umno of spreading lies.

"We are certain that Umno leaders will not stop here. They will come out with more lies to cause disunity amongst the public because they realise that the public are united in wanting change and justice," Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim said in a statement.

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