

Anwar sues Muhyiddin over RM15mil pay claim

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has sued Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin over the latter's allegation that he (Anwar) was paid RM15mil while he was the economic adviser to Selangor.

The writ of summons was filed by Messrs SN Nair & Partners at the High Court registry yesterday.

In the statement of claim, Anwar said that Muhyiddin gave an election speech at Taman Selasih in Kulim on Dec 5, in support of

Perikatan candidate Datuk Azman Nasrudin, where the Pagoh MP made those claims.

Excerpts of the speech were then republished in the TikTok application via a TikTok account under the name "@beritakini8", which garnered more than 1.1 million views, 6,061 comments, more than 21,400 'likes', more than 1,360 'favourites' and 2,169 shares as at Dec 7.

Anwar, who is the Tambun MP, said the defendant then republished his entire speech on his Facebook account under the name 'Muhyiddin Yassin', which is still accessible until today.

The plaintiff said that the libellous words

were meant to say that he was unreliable and untruthful about accepting millions from the Selangor state government as the economic adviser, that he was unethical, unprincipled, a corrupt, a hypocrite and not a good Muslim.

He is seeking general, compensatory, aggravated and exemplary damages.

He is also seeking an injunction to restrain the defendant from further repeating the libellous words.

Through his lawyers, Anwar had previously sent Muhyiddin a letter of demand on Dec 7 for an apology and retraction from Muhyiddin over the allegations.