

MUHYIDDIN STANDS BY CLAIMS

He says he did not fabricate story of Zahid asking for his help as PM to drop graft charges

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TAN Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is standing by his claims that Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had appealed for his help to get his corruption charges dropped while he was serving as the prime minister.

Muhyiddin, who is Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) president, described the claims against Zahid as *haqq* (Arabic for truth).

He said this was not something he had fabricated for the sake of politicking ahead of the March 12 Johor election.

He said Zahid was also free to take the *sumpah laknat* to refute the claims made against him.

"That is his right if he wants to *sumpah* or not. If he wants to *sumpah* several times, then do it. I will leave it to him. I have spoken the truth. What I said... it is *haqq*, although it may be painful for some people to digest.



"When we speak to the people, we should not deceive them. What I had said that night is proven and I have showed the witnesses," said Muhyiddin, who is Pagoh member of parliament.

He was asked to comment on Zahid's claim that he was willing to take the *sumpah laknat* to de-

Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin launching the Johor Perikatan Nasional in Kota Tinggi recently. He claimed that Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (inset) had paid several visits to his home after he was sworn in as prime minister in 2020. PIC BY MOHAMAD FAHD RAHMAT

ny Muhyiddin's allegations about seeking help in his corruption case.

Zahid, in casting doubt on the claim, had also questioned why it was made just before the Johor election, which is due to take place next month.

During a ceramah in Tangkak, Johor, on Feb 16, Muhyiddin had claimed that Zahid paid several visits to his home with piles of files a few days after he was sworn in as prime minister in 2020.

Muhyiddin claimed that Zahid asked him for help, saying that he had not done the things he had

been accused of.

Muhyiddin said Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang were at his home when Zahid showed up.

On the Johor polls, Muhyiddin said PN was expected to unveil its list of candidates contesting the state election tomorrow, three days before nomination day on Saturday.

"The list of candidates has been finalised, presented and is now in the final stages of vetting. We will officially announce our list of candidates on Feb 24 in Johor," he said.