

# Cops to quiz Muhyiddin over alleged slander against PM

**PUTRAJAYA:** Police will summon Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin over allegations he had slandered Prime Minister-cum-Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Putrajaya police chief Assistant Commissioner A. Asmadi Abdul Aziz said investigators had called in Muhyiddin and other witnesses over the incident.

“Investigations are ongoing and efforts to contact Muhyiddin and several other witnesses are being carried out,” he said.

“Some have been contacted while others are involved in the current Parliament meeting.”

Asmadi, on Monday, said police had opened an investigation paper into the case under Section 500 of the Penal Code for defamation.

He said the investigation came following a report lodged by the political secretary to the finance

minister, PKR deputy Youth chief Muhammad Kamil Abdul Munim, over a viral clip in which Muhyiddin was said to have made defamatory statements against Anwar.

Asmadi had said the 11-minute

clip was taken after Muhyiddin was charged at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex here over graft and money laundering involving the Jana Wibawa programme.

Muhyiddin had reportedly said the court cases against him were influenced by “political hands”.

In the report, Kamil claimed that

Muhyiddin’s statement was meant to insinuate that Anwar was the “political hand” behind the charges, so as to create a negative perception of the prime minister.

Apart from defamation, investigations were also being conducted under Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998.