

# Police to quiz Muhyiddin on Sept 12 over 'fatwa'

**JOHOR BARU:** Police have opened two investigation papers into Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin regarding his statement allegedly containing elements related to 3R (religion, royalty and race) at a political gathering for the Pulai and Simpang Jeram by-elections recently.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay said police would call the Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman on Sept 12 to record his statement.

"There are two IPs (investigation papers) opened into Muhyiddin following his statements (regarding 'fatwa' and Malays losing power.

"So we will call him on Sept 12 to record his statement."

He said this after inspecting the voting process for the Pulai parliamentary seat at Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar here yesterday.

Ayob Khan said no new investigation papers had been opened involving party leaders regarding the 3R issue.

On Sept 2, Muhyiddin, who is Bersatu president, allegedly issued a statement that it was "haram" to vote for Pakatan Harapan candidate Suhaizan Kaiat, in his talk at Dataran Utama Kempas here during the Pulai parliamentary by-election campaign.

The Pagoh member of parliament is also reported to have issued a statement claiming that Malays have lost power, adding that the government does not seem to understand the problems faced by Malays.

On Sept 4, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said police had opened investigation papers into Muhyiddin under Section 505 (b) of the Penal Code for allegedly issuing a state-

ment that created public fear and anxiety, and also under Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998.

Ayob Khan, when asked to comment on the investigation into Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang, said police had completed the investigations and submitted the papers to the Attorney-General's Chambers for action.

He reminded political leaders and the community against issuing statements related to 3R, including during the Pelangai by-election campaign at the end of this month.

"Police are monitoring social media platforms.

"If there is any, then we will open an investigation paper.

"Once people have been investigated, arrested, charged and punished, only then will they ask for sympathy," he said. **Bernama**