



*Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (centre) leaving the Malaysian Investment Development Authority building in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY NABILA ADLINA AZAHARI*

## 'POLITICAL FATWA'

# Police record Muhyiddin's statement

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was questioned by police yesterday in connection with his alleged issuance of a "fatwa" that it was haram to vote for the Pakatan Harapan candidate for the recent Pulau parliamentary by-election.

The statement was taken at one of the Perikatan Nasional chairman's offices in the federal capital. He was seen leaving the building at 10.25am, giving the thumbs up sign when asked by reporters to comment.

However, this was not the end of the matter as Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said federal police Classified Crime Investigation Unit members will once again record Muhyiddin's statement tomorrow.

This time, however, the state-

ment will be over a speech the former prime minister made during campaigning for the recent Simpang Jeram by-election, which allegedly touched on one of the 3R issues (race, religion and royalty).

Razarudin said police received a report lodged on Sept 7 that Muhyiddin had said that Malays "no longer dominate the government today, which means Malays have lost power, whether they realise it or not".

"This statement was made when Muhyiddin was involved in the Simpang Jeram by-election campaign in Johor on Sept 3," he said to *Berita Harian*.

Muhyiddin, who is also Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president, had uploaded the speech as a video on Pas' Facebook page.

Bersatu information chief Senator Datuk Razali Idris slammed the government, saying it was weaponising the police as a political tool to infringe on freedom of speech.

"We are not communists or terrorists, yet the party is being perceived as subversive and extremist.

"Therefore, the actions of the police that have kept pressuring (Bersatu) after a series of recording of statements and so on have undermined the democratic system that has been upheld for so long."

Razali said police should be able to properly comprehend a political speech even though it involves the 3R issues as opposition leaders still upheld the Federal Constitution and Rukun Negara.