

RACIALLY SENSITIVE CLAIMS

Police record Muhyiddin's statement over remarks

KUALA LUMPUR: Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was yesterday called in to have his statement recorded again by the police over a probe into racially sensitive claims he allegedly made while campaigning in the by-elections in Johor last month.

The news was confirmed by Federal Territories Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia information chief Mahathir Mohd Rais.

“He was called in (to give his statement) this morning at the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) building.

“I have no information yet (on the reason Muhyiddin was called in to give his statement),” he told the *New Straits Times*.

Muhyiddin arrived at the building in Jalan Sentral at 9.15am. After almost three hours, he emerged from the building with his aides at 11.58am, waving to waiting members of the media. However, he did not make any statements.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay previously said that

two investigation papers had been opened against Muhyiddin on his statement, which allegedly contain elements related to 3Rs (religion, royalty and race) during a political gathering for the Pulau and Simpang Jeram by-elections.

Ayob said Muhyiddin was summoned on Sept 12 to record his statement.

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

He was also reported to have issued a statement claiming that the “Malays have lost power”, adding that the current government did not seem to understand the problems faced by the Malays.

On Sept 4, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said the police had opened investigation papers on Muhyiddin for allegedly issuing a statement that created public fear and anxiety.