

Muhyiddin to face sedition charge

Bersatu president expected to be charged at Gua Musang Sessions Court today

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PETALING JAYA: Former prime minister and Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is expected to be charged in court today under the Sedition Act over statements made during the recent Nengiri by-election.

The Bersatu president will be charged at the Gua Musang Sessions Court over alleged seditious remarks concerning the process of the appointment of

the prime minister in 2022.

The Pagoh MP will be the first former prime minister to be charged under the Sedition Act in Malaysia.

This was confirmed by Bersatu information chief Datuk Razali Idris yesterday.

The matter was also announced by Bersatu information committee member Badrul Hisham Shaharin in his Facebook post yesterday.

"Muhyiddin will be charged at the Gua Musang Sessions Court on Aug 27 under the Sedition Act.

"The prosecution using the Sedition Act is a political act where the ruling regime is abusing its authority. Muhyiddin is being charged for speaking the truth," Badrul Hisham said in his post.

Muhyiddin was investigated by the police after reports were lodged against him over a viral video taken during the Nengiri by-election campaign period.

In the video, Muhyiddin during a ceramah at Felda Perasu on Aug 15 seemingly questioned the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong's decision to appoint Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as the prime minister after the 15th General Election.

The video has since drawn severe condemnation from vari-

ous parties and at least 29 police reports were lodged against Muhyiddin.

Muhyiddin has defended his remarks, saying it was just a statement of fact and he had no intention of insulting the royal institution of Malay Rulers.

He stated that his campaign speech was focused on factual events related to the formation of the government after GE15 and the subsequent challenges faced by the public due to government policies.