

# Muhyiddin charged with sedition

## Former PM denies making seditious remarks during Nenggiri by-election

**GUA MUSANG:** Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court here to a charge of making seditious remarks during the campaign for the Nenggiri state by-election in Kelantan recently. Muhyiddin, 77, made the plea before judge Nik Mohd Tarmizie Nik Mohd Shukri.

According to the charge, the former prime minister, who is also Perikatan Nasional chairman, was alleged to have uttered the seditious remarks in an open area near Dewan Semai Bakti Felda Perasu here between 10.30pm and 11.50pm on Aug 14.

The alleged seditious remark was over his claim of not being invited by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to take the oath as prime minister after the 15th General Election despite getting the support of 115 out of 222 Members of Parliament, Bernama reported.

The charge was framed under Section 4(1)(b) of the Sedition Act 1948 which provides a fine not exceeding RM5,000 or imprisonment for up to three years, or both, if found guilty.

Muhyiddin was allowed bail of RM5,000 with one surety and the court set Nov 4 for mention.

The prosecution was conducted by six deputy public prosecutors led by Datuk Umar Saifuddin Jaafar, while Muhyiddin was represented by five lawyers, namely Amer Hamzah Arshad, Chetan Jethwani, Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan, Mohd Nasir Abdullah and Mariana Mat Kudin.

Earlier, Muhyiddin arrived at the Gua Musang Court Complex at 9.43am, accompanied by several top Perikatan leaders, including secretary-general Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin and information chief Datuk Seri Azmin Ali.



**Court day:** Muhyiddin arriving at the Gua Musang Court Complex to face prosecution regarding a speech he delivered that was said to have touched on issues related to 3R while campaigning in the Nenggiri by-election campaign recently.  
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