

# 'Act against Muhyiddin'

> Pahang Crown Prince expresses anger, disappointment over speech by PN chief, who "deliberately questioned duties, role of Al-Sultan Abdullah in selecting 10th PM

**KUANTAN:** The Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah wants police to take firm action against Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for allegedly raising the 3R issue (race, religion, royalty) while campaigning in the Nenggiri by-election recently.

In a statement yesterday, Tengku Hassanal also expressed anger and disappointment over the action of the Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman, whom he said deliberately questioned the duties and role of the Sultan of Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, when he was the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Tengku Hassanal said the former prime minister and veteran politician manipulated facts to present a negative narrative to the public by suggesting that Al-Sultan Abdullah acted unfairly during the selection of the 10th prime minister.

"His statement also seems immature, implying that he still cannot accept the fact that he was not appointed as prime minister.

"This statement is also very dangerous as it openly incites the public to lose trust in the Institution

of Malay Rulers and divides the people," he said in the statement, which was also uploaded on his Instagram story @this.7.

Based on Article 40(2) of the Federal Constitution, the prime minister is appointed at the discretion of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, who is the head of state.

His Majesty is also guided by Article 43(2), which stipulates that the prime minister must be appointed from among MPs who, in the King's judgment, commands the majority confidence of the members of the House.

Tengku Hassanal said Al-Sultan Abdullah did not take the decision to appoint the prime minister lightly, although the Constitution grants him absolute power.

"During that time, His Majesty consulted constitutional experts and key national public servants, and finally, Obtained the views of the Conference of Rulers before appointing the prime minister.

"Parliament also passed a motion of confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Dec 19, 2022," said Tengku Hassanal.

He added that the confidence

vote was clear and in line with Al-Sultan Abdullah's considerations when he selected Anwar as prime minister.

Tengku Hassanal advised all politicians to always uphold the principles of the *Rukun Negara* and unite the people so that Malaysia, as a multi-racial country, can become a developed nation with happy citizens.

The Tengku Mahkota's private secretary Amir Syaffiq Hamzah lodged a police report on the matter at 10pm on Sunday.

A video of Muhyiddin's speech has been circulated on social media.

Police said Muhyiddin will be called to provide a statement today over his speech, Bernama reported.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said 29 reports have been received on the matter.

"We are calling him to provide his statement to facilitate investigations."

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail also expressed disappointment over Muhyiddin's speech in a post on his Facebook page on Saturday and urged authorities to act against the Pagoh MP.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin has defended his controversial speech,

insisting that he had in no way diminished the esteemed role of the Pahang sultan, who served as King during the 15th general election.

Addressing the issue in a Facebook post, the PN chairman clarified that his speech was not intended to incite sedition.

"I believe my statement did not violate any laws of the country. I will fully cooperate with police to clarify the facts surrounding my remarks.

"I would like to emphasise that my speech in Nenggiri was a statement of fact that was not intended to insult the royal institution or incite sedition," he said.