

Police to record statement from Muhyiddin today: IGP

Cops set to question PN chief yesterday but had to postpone meeting as former PM's lawyer was abroad

KUALA LUMPUR: The police will record Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's statement today on his speech, which allegedly raised 3R issues (race, religion and royalty), said Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain.

"Muhyiddin's statement will be recorded at his office at the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) at 11am."

Previously, it was reported that police would record Muhyiddin's statement at 11am yesterday at the Mida office, prompting some 15 media staff to gather at the venue.

Razarudin said it had to be postponed as Muhyiddin's lawyer was abroad.

Muhyiddin, who is Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman, allegedly made a speech raising the 3R issue during the Nenggiri state by-election

campaign in Kelantan last week, causing many parties to file police reports.

In the speech, he is alleged to have disputed the duties and role of the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong for not being given the prime minister's post after the last general election.

Muhyiddin's speech also drew the wrath of the Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah.

In a statement issued on Monday, Tengku Hassan called on police to take decisive action without compromise against Muhyiddin.

Tengku Hassan also expressed anger and disappointment with the action of the Pagoh MP, 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 Hassan claimed that 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, Bernama reported.

"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," Tengku Hassan 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.