

Probe papers on ex-PM's speech submitted to AGC

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KUALA LUMPUR: Investigation papers on Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's by-election campaign speech, which allegedly touched on issues related to race, religion and royalty, have been submitted to the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) for further action.

IGP Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said 66 individuals have had their statements recorded to assist in the investigation while Muhyiddin has also provided his statement and answered all questions.

Muhyiddin posted on Facebook that he has provided his statement and submitted documents to police to assist in the investigation on his speech while campaigning in the recently concluded Nenggiri by-election in Kelantan.

The former prime minister said the documents were handed over when police

came to take his statement at his office at the Malaysian Investment Development Authority at 11am on Wednesday.

Among the documents given were statutory declarations (SD) from 115 MPs purportedly backing him as prime minister after the 15th general election (GE15) held on Nov 19, 2022 and a letter from the King's private secretary at the time, Nazim Alim, confirming the receipt of the SD.

He also submitted two letters from then Dewan Rakyat speaker Tan Sri Azhar Azizan Harun, dated Nov 20, 2022, conveying the King's instructions for MPs with majority support to submit the relevant SD from other MPs.

Following his by-election campaign speech, 30 police reports were lodged against him under Section 4(1) of the Sedition Act, Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act and Section 504 of the Penal Code.

In the speech, Muhyiddin is alleged to have disputed the duties and roles of the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong over not being appointed prime minister after GE15.

The Pagoh MP defended his speech and said it was factual and not intended to insult the monarchy or incite the public.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Bersatu president, said he had obtained a simple majority and had the backing of enough MPs to form the government.

On Monday, Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah called for stem action to be taken against the former prime minister.

He expressed anger at Muhyiddin over his remarks and accused him of belittling the former King, *Bernama* reported.

Tengku Hassan said Muhyiddin had manipulated facts when he suggested that Al-Sultan Abdullah had acted unfairly during the selection of the 10th prime minister.

"His statement seems immature, implying that he still cannot accept the fact that he was not appointed prime minister. The statement is dangerous as it openly incites the public to lose trust in the institution of Malay rulers and divides the people."