

SEDITION ACT

Anwar slams opposition for questioning Muhyiddin probe

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has criticised the opposition for questioning the decision to investigate Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin under the Sedition Act.

Anwar said yesterday that the investigation was the result of a report against Muhyiddin by the Pahang Palace.

“No need to twist it, they (opposition) know, (but) they just want to play politics.

“I want to advise that this issue was raised by the Pahang Palace and in the other case, the Selangor Palace (in the sedition case of Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor).

“You (the opposition) have overstepped the limit and you have to deal with it,” he said at the launching and groundbreaking of Residensi Suria Madani housing project here.

He added that the police were just acting on the Pahang Palace’s report before the attorney-general could proceed with further action.

On Wednesday, government spokesperson Fahmi Fadzil confirmed that some sedition cases against politicians had originated from reports filed by palace representatives.

Citing the sedition charges involving Muhyiddin and Sanusi, Fahmi said that in their cases, police reports were lodged by representatives from the Pahang and Selangor palaces, respectively.

The Bersatu supreme council on Wednesday condemned what it said was the government’s decision to charge Muhyiddin with sedition.

They claimed that the charges were an example of “selective prosecution for political and nefarious reasons”.

Muhyiddin, who is also the former prime minister, was charged on Tuesday at the Gua Musang Sessions Court for allegedly making seditious remarks during the Nenggiri by-election campaign on Aug 14.

Last year, five members of the Dewan Diraja Selangor have lodged a report against Sanusi for allegedly questioning the authority of the Selangor royal institution in the appointment of the state’s menteri besar.