

"NOT INVITED TO BE SWORN 11 AS PM"

MUHYIDDIN MAINTAINS NOT GUILTY PLEA

**Ex-PM charged with
uttering seditious
remarks while
campaigning for
Nenggiri by-election**

KUALA LUMPUR

TAN Sri Muhyiddin Yassin maintained his not guilty plea at the High Court, here, yesterday to a charge of uttering seditious remarks while campaigning for the Nenggiri by-election in Ke-

lantan last August.

The 77-year-old former prime minister entered the plea after the charge was read to him before judge Datuk Muhammad Jamil Hussin.

The case was initially mentioned at the Gua Musang Sessions Court in Kota Baru on Aug 27 last year but it was later transferred to the Kuala Lumpur High Court following a defence application.

The Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman is charged with making seditious remarks in an open area near Dewan Semai Bakti Felda Perasu between 10.30pm and 11.50pm on Aug 14.

The alleged seditious remarks



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin faces a maximum fine of RM5,000, imprisonment of three years, or both if convicted, BERNAMA PIC

concerned his claim that he was not invited by the Yang di-Per-tuan Agong to be sworn in as the prime minister following the 15th General Election, despite allegedly having the support of 115 out of the 222 members of parliament at the time.

He is charged under Section 4(l)(b) of the Sedition Act 1948, which is punishable under Subsection 4(1) of the same Act with a maximum fine of RM5,000 or a maximum imprisonment of three years, or both, if convicted.

Deputy public prosecutor Azli-

na Rasdi prosecuted while Muhyiddin was represented by counsel Amer Hamzah Arshad.

Earlier, Amer Hamzah informed the court that they would be applying to refer a legal question to the Federal Court under Section 84 of the Judiciary Act 1964 concerning the sedition charge his client was facing.

The court then set March 6 for case mention to hand over documents and maintained the RM5,000 bail previously set by the Gua Musang Sessions Court.

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