

**Muhyiddin says would back Penang Umno suit against Guan Eng**  
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NIBONG TEBAL, Sept 17 — Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today said Penang Umno will receive national-level support if it decides to carry out its threat to sue Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng for defamation.

“We have our dignity. What was said is slanderous. If we don’t do anything, the people will believe what was said,” the deputy prime minister and Umno No. 2 was quoted saying in a Bernama Online report today.

Lim is alleged to have suggested on August 18 that the Penang chapter of Umno was responsible for provoking an arson attack on DAP’s state party headquarters in George Town the day before.

Penang Umno took umbrage with Lim’s remarks and threatened to slap the DAP secretary-general with a RM30 million defamation suit.

On Tuesday, state Umno chief Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman sent a demand for an apology to Lim, along with a seven-day deadline for the DAP leader to comply or be sued for his earlier remarks.

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