

Khalid's appeal to recuse High Court judge allowed
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The appellate court has today unanimously allowed the Selangor menteri besar's appeal to recuse High Court judge Rohana Yusof from presiding in Bank Islam's suit against him and vice versa.

Following this, the matter will be heard before another judge.

The dispute between Khalid Ibrahim and the bank was over Khalid's purchase of Guthrie Bhd's shares which he made via a loan with Bank Islam, and the bank disposing of the shares after the former Guthrie chief executive officer allegedly being unable to pay it.

The three-member panel found there is a real danger of bias.

The panel was led by Justice KN Segara. The other judges were Justices Sulaiman Daud and Jeffrey Tan.

Lawyers for Khalid argued that as Justice Rohana was the former deputy director of the Islamic Banking and Takaful Department in Bank Negara, she may have communicated on Khalid's matter with Bank Islam's former chief operating officer Fazlur Abdul Rahman.

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