

**High Court to Hear Khir Toyo's Corruption Trial from June 6 to 24**  
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SHAH ALAM, -- The High Court here today fixed June 6 to 24 for the trial of former Selangor menteri besar Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo who is charged with land fraud involving two plots of land and a house in Section 7 here.

Judge Mohtarudin Baki also allowed an application by the head of the Forfeiture Office, Prosecution Division of the Attorney General's Chambers, Dzulkifli Ahmad, who is representing the prosecution, for the case against Mohamad Khir and Ditamas Sdn Bhd director Shamsuddin Hayroni, who is charged with abetment, to be heard together.

Mohtarudin also extended their bail, which had been set at RM750,000 for each of them by the Sessions Court before this.

Besides Dzulkifli, the prosecution was also represented by deputy public prosecutor Manoj Kurup.

Earlier, the charges against Mohamad Khir, 45, who was attired in a navy blue suit and Shamsuddin, 52, were re-read to them by a court interpreter.

Dr Khir, who is the assemblyman for Sungai Panjang, is alleged to have committed the offence at the Selangor Mentri Besar's official residence in Jalan Permata 7/1, Section 7 here on May 29, 2007.

He is accused of obtaining for himself and his wife Datin Seri Zahrah Kechik the two plots of land and house located at no. 8 & 10, Jalan Suasa 7/1 L, Shah Alam from Ditamas through Shamsuddin at RM3.5mil, which was much lower than the original price.

Ditamas had bought the lots on Dec 23, 2004 for RM6.5mil.

Mohamad Khir was the menteri besar of Selangor then.

He has been charged under Section 165 of the Penal Code which provides for jail up to two years or fine or both, if convicted.

Shamsuddin had also pleaded not guilty when charged under Section 109 and Section 165 of the same code.

They were first charged at the Sessions Court on Dec 6 last year.

Judge Azhaniz Teh Azman Teh who originally heard the cases had allowed an application by Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, who had handled the prosecution then, for their cases to be transferred to the High Court.

Mohamad Khir was represented by counsel M.Athimulan, Datuk Jahaberdeen Mohamed Yunoos and Adzly Manas while Shamsuddin by counsel Datuk K.Kumaraendran and Datuk C.Vijaya Kumar.

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