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# DPM: Govt will wait for Court of Appeal to decide

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PUTRAJAYA: The government will not withdraw its appeal against the High Court ruling made on Dec 31 last year that has allowed the Catholic weekly *Herald* to use the word "Allah".

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said yesterday that the government would instead wait for the court's decision on the appeal.

DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang had on Sunday called on the government to withdraw the appeal against the High Court judgment by judge Lau Bee Lan if the government was committed to resolving the "Allah" issue through inter-religious dialogues.

In choosing not to engage the opposition in debates over the demand, Muhyiddin said the government would not preempt or prejudice the outcome of the appeal it had made.

"This case is pending in court,

so let us wait for the court's decision," he said after launching the MyID Initiative and Conference of Heads of Public Sector Agencies, here.

Muhyiddin also said the government was committed to ensuring the peace and harmony of the country and would seek a long-term solution to such issues.

"We are not only looking purely at the legal aspect but also through the process of engagements and dialogues, including inter-religious discussions to create a better understanding," he said.

On another matter, Muhyiddin said it was too early to comment on how the proposed Political Party Act would help the country in its efforts to combat corruption.

He said the government would also require feedback from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission on this matter.

The Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Peman-



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (centre) launching the MyID Initiative and Conference of Heads of Public Sector Agencies. With him are Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala (left) and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan.

du) will conduct a "mini-lab study" next month on political corruption in the country.

The study would also include

the drawing up of a model for the proposed law that could force political parties to disclose their sources of funding.