

MUHYIDDIN JOINT TRIAL BID: HEARING ON SEPT 19

Judge to decide on ex-PM's objection to prosecution's contention that all 7 charges are closely connected

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THE Sessions Court has fixed Sept 19 to hear a joint trial application for Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's seven corruption charges involving the Jana Wibawa scandal.

Judge Azura Alwi set the date after deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Akram Gharib informed the court that both parties had completed filing all relevant documents pertaining to the application recently.

The court then told both parties to file their written submissions before Sept 8.

On May 26, the prosecution filed an application for a joint trial to consolidate four power abuse and three money launder-



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin leaving the court after being charged in March. He is facing seven corruption charges involving the Jana Wibawa scandal, FILE PIC

ing charges faced by the Perikatan Nasional chairman.

On May 29, the former prime minister objected to the application by stating that the prosecution's contention that four power abuse and three money laundering charges were closely connected was completely misconceived and premature.

Muhyiddin, whose actual registered name is Mahiaddin Md Yasin, is the second former prime minister to be charged in court with corruption in the country's history.

He was released on RM2 million bail.

Muhyiddin was elected as the

prime minister after the collapse of the Pakatan Harapan (PH) government in 2020.

As the country faced the Covid-19 pandemic, his administration announced several initiatives to assist the people, including the Jana Wibawa programme for Bumiputera contractors.

Others who have previously been charged with corruption related to the Jana Wibawa programme were former Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) information chief Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan, and businessman and Bersatu Segambut division deputy chief Adam Radian Adam Muhammad.