

# MACC arrests Muhyiddin

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has confirmed that former prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was arrested yesterday and will be charged in a Kuala Lumpur court today.

The commission said it arrested Muhyiddin at 1pm after recording his statement at its headquarters to complete the final investigation process into the Jana Wibawa programme and related issues.

He was later released on bail at 8.20pm.

Muhyiddin arrived at the MACC headquarters at 11.15am in a Toyota Alphard, wearing a black suit and white shirt.

The Perikatan Nasional chairman was also accompanied by another car, believed to be carrying his lawyers.

> Perikatan Nasional chairman taken into custody after having statement recorded and released on bail

In a statement, MACC said it had obtained consent from the Attorney-General's Chambers to charge the Pagoh MP, who is also Bersatu president.

"MACC has obtained consent from the Attorney-General's Chambers to prosecute Muhyiddin in court.

"He is set to face several charges under Section 23 of the MACC Act and Section 4(1)b of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act," it said.

Section 23 involves the offence of abuse of power when a person who is a member of a public or government body uses his or her position or the office in making a decision or taking action for benefit to themselves, their relatives or associates.

Section 4(1)b provides covers money laundering offences, where any person acquires and uses proceeds from an unlawful activity.

Jana Wibawa, or "Program Jana Ekonomi Pelaksanaan Kontraktor Bumiputera Berwibawa," was

introduced by the Muhyiddin administration, ostensibly to expedite project execution to spur the nation's economic recovery post Covid-19 pandemic, Bernama reported.

MACC had earlier frozen the accounts of Bersatu and charged several individuals, including former Bersatu information chief Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan and Segambut Bersatu division deputy chief Adam Radian Adam Muhammad, in connection with Jana Wibawa projects to help Bumiputera contractors.

Media personnel from various agencies began gathering in front of the MACC headquarters as early as 7am yesterday to report on the developments of the case. A crowd also gathered outside the premises to show support for Muhyiddin.



Media crew and Muhyiddin supporters jostle around him as he arrived at the MACC headquarters yesterday. - ADIB RAWIYAHYA/THESUN