

# 'DENY MUHYIDDIN PASSPORT ACCESS'

## DPP says application for permanent release of passport is unfounded

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**T**AN Sri Muhyiddin Yassin must not be allowed to travel abroad as he is still facing multiple corruption charges, the Sessions Court has heard.

Deputy public prosecutor Lim Wai Keong said the former prime minister still had three pending money-laundering charges, and the seizure of his passport would

ensure his presence during proceedings.

"I deny that there is a material change of circumstances and injustice to the applicant (Muhyiddin) if the bail conditions are maintained.

"Muhyiddin can apply from time to time for the release of his passport if he is required for travel purposes abroad.

"Thus, there is no issue for the permanent release of the passport to be considered. At this stage, I state that this application is unfounded."

Lim said this in his reply to Muhyiddin's application to release his passport permanently.

The Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president said he need-

ed the document for a family holiday in London and to go for a medical check-up in Singapore at the end of this year.

"It is a tradition where I will take my family on a month-long vacation every year. This year is no exception.

"This vacation is important because it allows me to spend time with my family as this year has been very stressful for both me and my family.

"I was informed by my travel agent that it is difficult to obtain

flight tickets and to arrange a vacation trip for a large group, especially around the Christmas holiday season.

"I hope that the court will grant my request so that I can go on

vacation and spend time with my family this year," he said in his affidavit in support.

The Pagoh member of parliament said he intended to travel to London from Dec 21 until Jan 10.

"I also intend to go to Singapore for a health check-up.

"I genuinely believe that Mount Elizabeth Hospital has advanced technology to allow me to undergo a heart examination and stress test on a treadmill," he said, adding that the RM2 million bail is sufficient to ensure his presence in court.

On Oct 4, Muhyiddin filed an application to strike out his remaining three money-laundering charges linked to the Jana Wibawa scandal.

He also wanted the Sessions Court to grant him a discharge not amounting to an acquittal (DNAA) from the charges.

The defence team had contend-

ed that the money-laundering charges would not stand as they were predicated to the main ones that were dropped.

On Aug 15, High Court Judge Datuk Muhammad Jamil Hussin acquitted and discharged Muhyiddin on all four charges of abuse of power.

Muhyiddin was charged with two counts of receiving RM195 million that were proceeds from unlawful activities between Feb 25 and July 16, 2021, and Feb 8 till July 8 last year.

He was also charged with one count of receiving RM5 million from Bukhary Equity Sdn Bhd, which were proceeds from unlawful activities on Jan 7 last year.

The offences carried a jail term not exceeding 15 years and a fine of at least five times the sum obtained from the illicit proceeds or RM5 million, whichever is higher, upon conviction.



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