

MUHYIDDIN SEEKS TO DISMISS

LAUNDERING CHARGES

Ex-PM's remaining charges won't stand as they are predicated on the ones dropped recently, says defence team

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PERIKATAN Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has filed an application to strike out his three remaining money laundering charges linked to the Jana Wibawa scandal.

The former prime minister also wants the Sessions Court to grant him a discharge not amounting to acquittal on the charges.

The defence team contended that the money laundering charges would not stand as they were predicated on the main ones which were dropped recently.

On Aug 15, High Court judge Datuk Muhammad Jamil Hussin discharged and acquitted

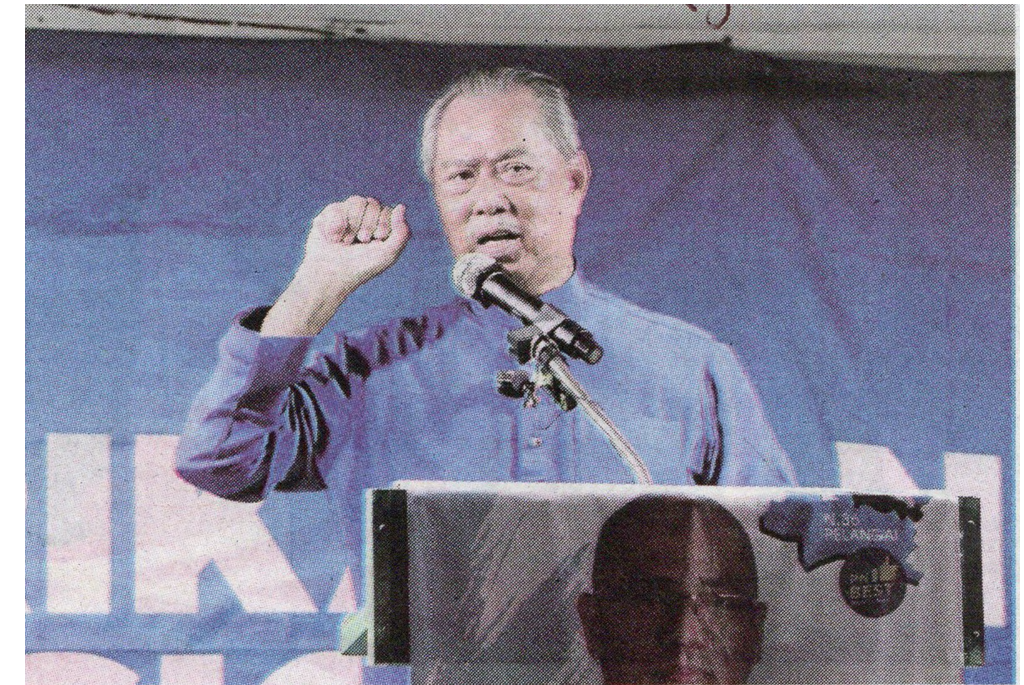
Muhyiddin on all four charges of abuse of power.

Jamil had said that the charges were defective and made in bad faith, as there were insufficient details in the charges, and the accused was charged with offences unknown to the law.

He had also said that the four charges were flawed for not disclosing an offence under Section 23(1) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act.

The Pagoh member of parliament was charged with two counts of receiving RM195 million in funds that were proceeds from unlawful activities between Feb 25 and July 16, 2021, as well as Feb 8 and July 8 last year.

He was also charged with one count of receiving RM5 million in funds from Bukhary Equity Sdn Bhd, that were proceeds from un-



Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was discharged and acquitted on all four charges of abuse of power on Aug 15. PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

lawful activities on Jan 7 last year.

The charges were framed under Section 4(l)(b) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AM-LATFPUAA).

The offence under AMLATF-PUAA carries a jail term not exceeding 15 years and a fine of at least five times the sum obtained from money laundering or RM5 million, whichever is higher, upon conviction.