

COURT OF APPEAL

Muhyiddin files application for leave to review reinstatement of charges

PUTRAJAYA

FORMER prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has filed an application seeking leave from the Court of Appeal to review the decision made by another panel to reinstate four abuse of power charges against him.

On Feb 28, a three-member Court of Appeal panel chaired by judge Datuk Hadhariah Syed Ismail reinstated the four charges involving RM232.5 million previously struck out by the High Court.

Based on the notice of motion, Muhyiddin filed the application on Wednesday through law firm Messrs Chetan Jethwani and Company.

Lawyer Datuk Hisyam Teh Poh Teik, when contacted, confirmed the filing of the leave application.

He said the defence would withdraw the earlier appeal filed

in the Federal Court.

On March 1, Muhyiddin had filed an appeal in the Federal Court against the appellate court's restoration of the four charges against him.

Muhyiddin is seeking to set aside the Court of Appeal's previous order and restore the Aug 15, 2023 decision of the High Court that struck out the four charges and acquitted and discharged him.

He said the decision of the Court of Appeal was a nullity or illegality as it was made without the jurisdiction as required under Section 50(1) of the Courts of Judicature Act 1964.

Muhyiddin, 76, who is Bersatu president, was charged with using his position as prime minister at the time to obtain bribes

amounting to RM232.5 million from three companies, namely Bukhary Equity Sdn Bhd, Nep-turis Sdn Bhd and Mamfor Sdn Bhd, and Datuk Azman Yusoff for the party.

He is accused of committing the act at the Prime Minister's Office, Bangunan Perdana Putra, in Putrajaya between March 1, 2020 and Aug 20, 2021.

He also faces two charges of receiving money from illegal activities amounting to RM195 million from Bukhary Equity

which was deposited into Bersatu's CIMB Bank account.

He allegedly committed the offence at CIMB Bank Menara KL Branch, between Feb 25 and July 16, 2021 and between Feb 8 and July 8, 2022. **Bernama**



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