

## JANA WIBAWA SCANDAL

# EX-PM'S GRAFT TRIAL TO START IN MARCH

Muhyiddin faces charges of power abuse, receiving unlawful proceeds

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**F**ORMER prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's corruption trial linked to the Jana Wibawa scandal will begin in March next year.

Judge Noor Ruwena Md Nurdin fixed 29 days to hear the case involving the Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) president, who is charged with abuse of power and receiving proceeds from unlawful activities.

The trial is scheduled for March 9, 10 and 11; April 13, 16, 28 and 29; May 25 and 26; July 6 to 10, 13 to 17 and 27 to 29; and Aug 7, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26 and 27, 2026.

Deputy public prosecutor Datuk Wan Shahrudin Wan Ladin informed the court that the



*Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin will also be seeking the temporary release of his passport, NSTP*  
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prosecution intends to call no more than 30 witnesses to testify during the trial.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin's lawyer Chetan Jethwani said his client would be filing an application to temporarily retrieve his passport to travel abroad, and the court fixed Nov 18 to hear the application.

The court also fixed Nov 27 for the next case mention.

The Perikatan Nasional chairman was charged in 2023 with seven offences comprising four counts of abuse of power and three counts of money laundering in connection with the Jana Wibawa initiative.

Muhyiddin, 78, allegedly abused his position by soliciting RM232.5 million in bribes for his party from Bukhary Equity Sdn Bhd, Nepturis Sdn Bhd, Mamfor Sdn Bhd and Datuk Azman Yusoff.

The alleged gratification was linked to Jana Wibawa, a government programme introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic to assist Bumiputera contractors.

Muhyiddin also faces three money laundering charges involving RM200 million allegedly received from Bukhary Equity and deposited into Bersatu's AmBank and CIMB Bank accounts.