

Muhyiddin's graft hearing to begin in March

Case will be heard over 29 days until August next year

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's corruption case involving power abuse and money laundering linked to the Jana Wibawa project will begin in March next year.

High Court judge Justice Noor Ruwena Md Nurdin fixed a 29-day hearing during the case mention yesterday.

This is the first mention before Justice Noor Ruwena since the previous judge, Justice K. Muniandy, was elevated to the Court of Appeal.

The hearing dates are March 9-11; April 13, 16, 28 and 29; May 25 and 26; July 6-10, 13-17 and 27-29; and Aug 21, 26 and 27.

The court also fixed Nov 18 to hear an application by the Bersatu president, who is seeking temporary access to his passport,

and Nov 27 for the next mention date.

Deputy public prosecutor Datuk Wan Shaharuddin Wan Ladin told the court that about 30 prosecution witnesses will be called to testify.

Muhyiddin was exempted from attending yesterday's proceedings.

The former prime minister was charged with four counts of using his position to obtain bribes totalling RM232.5mil in connection with the Jana Wibawa project from Bukhary Equity Sdn Bhd, Nepturis Sdn Bhd, Mamfor Sdn Bhd and Datuk Azman Yusoff for Bersatu.

He allegedly committed the offence at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya between March 1, 2020 and Aug 20, 2021.

Muhyiddin also faces three charges of receiving RM200mil from illegal activities, deposited into Bersatu's AmBank and CIMB Bank accounts.