

AGC rejects ex-PM's bid

Muhyiddin had applied to drop Jana Wibawa graft charges

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) has rejected the representation by Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to have his seven graft charges linked to the Jana Wibawa scandal dropped.

Deputy public prosecutor Datuk Wan Shahrudin Wan Ladin informed the High Court here that the prosecution received a

letter of representation from the former premier's defence team on Aug 19. The representation was rejected on Aug 22.

DPP Wan Shahrudin told Justice K. Muniandy that the prosecution was ready to proceed with the trial and sought trial dates to be fixed as early as next January.

Muhyiddin's lawyer Datuk Hisyam Teh Poh Teik said the defence team was not available in January and proposed for the

trial to start in May or June.

Co-counsel Datuk Amer Hamzah Arshad also told the court that the defence had yet to receive witness statements from the prosecution.

DPP Wan Shahrudin said the prosecution had prepared the witness statements but needed confirmed trial dates to compile and hand over the complete set of documents to the defence team.

Justice Muniandy then fixed Nov 10 for the next case manage-

ment to set the trial dates.

Muhyiddin, 77, 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.