

Ex-minister wants charges dropped
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KUALA LUMPUR: Former transport minister Tan Sri Chan Kong Choy, who is charged with three counts of cheating former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi over the Port Klang Free Zone project, has asked the Attorney-General's Chambers to withdraw the case against him.

This was done through a letter of representation sent to the A-G's Chambers on March 21, to review the charges.

Yesterday was fixed for the first day of hearing.

However, Chan's counsel, Datuk Tan Hock Chuan, asked for a postponement in view of the letter sent by his legal team to the A-G's Chambers.

Deputy public prosecutor Datuk Nordin Hassan, who led the prosecution team, informed High Court judge Datuk Zamani A. Rahim that they needed time to look into the issues raised in the letter.

Tan also informed the court that he had filed a notice of motion last Thursday for Zamani to recuse himself and for the trial to be heard by one of the three criminal High Court judges sitting in Kuala Lumpur.

In his supporting affidavit, Chan stated that it was normal procedure for a case registered in Kuala Lumpur to be heard by a Kuala Lumpur High Court judge.

Zamani is from Penang.

Chan added in his affidavit that this non-conformance of procedure had caused him distress.

The judge granted the request to postpone the hearing and fixed April 23 as the next date.

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