

MACC To Withdraw Graft Charges Against Guan Eng?

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A source says the MACC will likely withdraw charges against the finance minister for abusing his powers in the purchase of a bungalow.

(FMT) – The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is likely to withdraw its two charges against Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng when his corruption trial resumes next week, reports China Press quoting a source from the anti-graft body.

Lim was the Penang chief minister when he was charged in 2016 with using his public office to approve an application by a company to convert agricultural land for residential purposes.

He was also accused of using his position to purchase a bungalow from businesswoman Phang Li Koon for RM2.8 million, lower than its market value of RM4.27 million. Phang was charged with abetment.

Lim's trial was adjourned on May 21, pending a review of the charges.

His lawyer Ramkarpal Singh had told the Penang High Court then that they were making representations to the Attorney-General to withdraw the charges.

Lim was sworn in as finance minister on May 21, following Pakatan Harapan's election victory in the May 9 polls.

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