

Muhyiddin denies graft claim made against him

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PETALING JAYA: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who has denied corruption allegations made by a witness in Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's graft trial, said he is prepared to be investigated.

"I strongly deny it," the former prime minister said, adding that he had never been investigated by the authorities over the allegations and was prepared to be questioned by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

During the period of time when he allegedly took the bribes, Muhyiddin said he was undergoing cancer treatment and had taken leave for a few months.

"In fact, I was undergoing treatment at a hospital overseas. My role as home minister at the time was taken over by then prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said in a Facebook post on Friday.

Earlier that day, a witness told the High Court that Ultra Kirana Sdn Bhd had given RM1.3mil in funds to Muhyiddin in 2018.

David Tan Siong Sun, 47, the company's former administrative manager, said this when the company's ledger was shown to him during the corruption trial of Ahmad Zahid involving the Foreign Visa System yesterday.

Tan told the court that the funds were given to Muhyiddin in cash payments on June 4, July 4 and Aug 23, 2018.

When asked by Ahmad Zahid's lawyer Datuk Ahmad Zaidi Zainal who the "TSM" recorded in the ledger was, Tan answered: "Tan Sri Muhyiddin."

In Melaka yesterday, Melaka Tengah OCPD Asst Comm Christopher Patit said police had received a report lodged by ex-Umno supreme council member Datuk Lokman Noor Adam against Muhyiddin over the matter.