

# What the case is all about

Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng faces two charges, and has claimed trial to both.



Lim and his wife at the court on Thursday

July 18,  
2015

- Lim and his wife Betty Chew, in a state planning committee meeting, approve an application by private company Magnificent Emblem to rezone a piece of agricultural land to residential land, the charge says.
- This offence carries a maximum jail term of 20 years and a fine of at least five times the total gratification or RM10,000 (\$3,400), whichever is higher.



The house in Jalan Pinhorn in George Town, Penang

July 28,  
2015

- Lim buys a bungalow on Penang Island from Phang Li Koon, president of Magnificent Emblem, for RM2.8 million, below its market value of RM4.27 million.
- The charge says Lim obtained benefit in his position as a public servant and chief minister in buying the house. If found guilty, he is liable to a maximum jail term of two years or a fine, or both.



Phang leaving the headquarters of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission last Sunday

- Phang has been charged with abetment for selling the bungalow to Lim at below its market value.
- The offence carries a sentence of up to two years in jail or a fine, or both, upon conviction. She has claimed trial.



Supporters of Lim outside the High Court in George Town, Penang

- Lim was released on RM1 million bail, and Phang on RM200,000 bail.
- The case will come up again for mention on Sept 22 at the Penang High Court.