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ACA WANTS ABU HASSAN AND EXCO TO DECLARE ASSETS

KLANG, May 21 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar-designate Datuk Abu Hassan Omar will have to declare his personal as well as family assets soon.

Likewise, all the Selangor state executive councillors and assemblymen will be required to do so, State Anti-Corruption Agency Director Ahmad Said Hamdan said today.

Ahmad Said, who has received a directive on the matter from the ACA headquarters, said he would visit Abu Hassan after the May 29 Permatang state by-election.

"However, I was informed that he had recently declared his assets to the ACA headquarters," he told Bernama when contacted at his Damansara home.

The move was just a normal exercise by the ACA to ensure easy reference should the occasion arise, he said adding that it would also ensure that the state government was always clean.

On Monday, ACA officers visited eight Selangor state executive councillors and several assemblymen who were made to fill up forms, declaring their assets, according to today's news reports.

Ahmad Said did not say when the ACA would make the visits, but said that it had started before former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib resigned his Menteri Besar post on April 14.

State executive councillors and assemblymen had a shock early this month when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad named Abu Hassan, then a Kuala Selangor MP, to replace Muhammad, who resigned following a Brisbane court case.

Meanwhile, Ijok assemblyman K.Sivalingam, contacted later today, confirmed that he had a visit from the ACA three days ago, and he was made to declare his assets.

"The visit was made amidst strong rumours of a major reshuffle in the state exco," he said, adding that he heard the ACA had also visited quite a number of his assembly colleagues.

Meanwhile, former Permatang assemblyman Datuk Jamaluddin Adnan, who is contesting the Kuala Selangor parliamentary seat in the by-election, said the ACA had contactd him, but he had not gone to the ACA office as he was busy preparing for the by-election.

He said he would meet the ACA officers after the by-election. --

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