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ACA INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS ON MINISTERS SENT TO A-G

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Preliminary investigations into alleged corruption involving First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz have been sent to Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah.

Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director general Datuk Ahmad Zaki Husin said the ACA is still awaiting the decision of the Attorney-General as to whether or not to continue with investigations against the two ministers.

"I wish to deny the allegation that the ACA has closed the case. Since I was appointed director general on March 24, there has not been a single case under investigation that has been closed," he said after opening the ACA's 32nd anniversary celebrations here today.

Ahmad Zaki said he regretted the lie being spread by certain groups that he had exposed all results of investigations against the highest ranking government officers to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I did meet with Dr Mahathir, but, it was only to discuss the ACA's policy issues and problems concerning finance and personnel. It has nothing to do with investigations being conducted," he said.

Ahmad Zaki said the ACA was also conducting an internal investigation relating to a latest article put up on a "reformasi" web site which contained various baseless allegations against himself and senior ACA officers.

"We do not reject the possibility that ACA staff are involved in writing the article based on several facts mentioned in the article which normally only ACA staff are privy to," he said.

He said the ACA would set the record straight to ensure that the public were not misled by the article which had mixed up facts with fallacies.

On the allegation by Kelantan Umno chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah on Sept 17 that there were elements of corrupt practice in approving logging concessions in the state, Ahmad Zaki said the ACA has yet to receive any report on the matter.

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