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Othman: No ACA probe into Pas leaders

THE Government yesterday denied Pas' allegations that it had instructed the Anti-Corruption Agency to investigate its leaders.

Parliamentary secretary in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Othman Abdul said the Government did not get involved in ACA investigations or instruct the agency to investigate members of the Opposition.

"We cannot use the ACA that way as it needs concrete evidence before it can charge or prosecute anyone," he said when replying to a supplementary question from Datuk Sukri Mohamed (BN-Machang) who asked for an elaboration on Pas's accusations.

Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Tanjung) had earlier asked whether the ACA received instructions from the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to investigate a member of the opposition party.

Othman said the Prime Minister did not meddle in ACA's business.

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