

ACA takes documents from co-operative office

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KUANTAN, Fri. An Anti-Corruption Agency officer visited the office of Koperasi Belia Pahang, a co-operative chaired by Kuantan Umno vice-chairman Datuk Faisal Abdullah, last Wednesday.

A source said the officer had come to the office at Jalan Abdul Aziz in the afternoon to get some documents.

"The officer took away the co-operative's account statements for 1999 and 2000," said the source, who added that Faisal was away in Kuala Lumpur at that time.

Faisal is one the three candidates nominated by the branches in Kuantan division to contest for the division's top post currently held by Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman. Fauzi, and the division's deputy chairman Datuk Wan Adnan Wan Mamat have also been nominated.

Faisal has the highest nominations with 31 followed by Wan Adnan (24) and Fauzi (10).

In submitting his resignation letter as the Beserah State Assemblyman to State Umno chief Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob last Friday,

Fauzi alleged that the outcome of the branch nomination was influenced by money politics.

A day earlier, Fauzi lodged a police report against Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil on alleged misappropriation of State's wealth during his tenure as Pahang Menteri Besar.

However, Pahang police chief Datuk Mohamad Noor Hamat said police had passed the report to the ACA as it was more proper for the agency to conduct the investigation.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, after chairing the party's supreme council meeting on Saturday, announced the setting up of an ad-hoc committee to investigate Fauzi's allegations.

The supreme council also decided to put on hold the Kuantan Umno division meeting until the investigation is completed.

Faisal had on Wednesday confirmed that a member of the Umno disciplinary committee had queried him over the allegations.