

Parliamentary committee to call in ACA chief
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Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director-general Zulkipli Mat Noor has been told to appear before the Parliamentary Select Committee on Integrity, said Lim Kit Siang.

The opposition leader, who had earlier said he would propose this to the committee today, said Zulkipli's explanations would be heard at the next meeting in two weeks.

"We will leave it at this for now," said Lim, who is a member of the bipartisan committee. Zulkipli could not be contacted today for comment, despite several calls to his office.

The select committee, which has 12 members - 10 from BN and two from opposition, is chaired by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Bernard Dompok. It allows members of parliament to, among others, inquire into cases of corruption and abuse of power.

Several explosive allegations, ranging from corruption to a sexual offence, had been made against Zulkipli by ex-ACA officer Mohamad Ramli Manan in a report last year to the then Inspector-General of Police Mohd Bakri Omar.

The contents were revealed by Movement for Democracy and Anti-Corruption chairperson Ezam Mohd Nor at a press conference in Kelana Jaya yesterday. He claimed to have received a copy of the document in the mail.

Ramli, who has since confirmed writing the report, claimed that both the ACA and police were aware of Zulkipli's alleged involvement in "immoral and criminal" activities and that he had accumulated properties "disproportionate to his known source of income".

He also said the police had investigated Zulkipli in connection with a sexual offence after a homemaker lodged a report at the Dang Wangi police station in Kuala Lumpur.

Ramli said the allegations were well-known in the police circle and that several police officers had offered evidence of Zulkipli's activities to the Police Royal Commission two years ago.

'No recall'

However, Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim who had led a team on the corruption chapter of the commission's report, said he does not remember such serious allegations being raised.

"I don't actually remember. It has been some time (since the commission carried out its work) but this is most certainly a very interesting development," said the former Transparency International president.

Two other commission members - Women's Aid Organisation executive director Ivy Josiah and Human Rights Commissioner Dr Denison Jayasooria also said they do not recall such information being brought to their attention.

Malaysiakini contacted Bukit Aman for an update on the status of the report dated July 4, 2006, but could not obtain the information.

Said an officer: "Only the person who made the report can check on the status of the report. This must be done at the police station that he or she went to."

However, a police officer later called malaysiakini to request for a copy of the report.

Zulkipli had in the police Special Branch for over two decades and rose through the ranks to lead the department. In 1996, he took over as police chief in Johor and then from his Sarawak counterpart in 2000.

Six years ago, he was director-general of ACA - the first police officer to have assumed the post.

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