

Police probe ACA chief's asset declarations
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The police are probing into the corruption allegations against Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director-general Zulkipli Mat Noor.

Inspector-General of Police Musa Hassan said they are scrutinising records of his asset declarations.

"We are inquiring into whether he (Zulkipli) has declared everything or not. I am looking into the files now," he said when contacted this afternoon.

However, Musa said at this point it is still uncertain if the police will record a statement from Zulkipli since there are existing files on his asset declaration.

"I will discuss with the attorney-general (Abdul Gani Patail) after this on whether an investigation should be carried out," he added.

Abdul Gani, when contacted, declined to comment on the matter.

Expedite probe

The New Straits Times today reported that the attorney-general (A-G) urged the police to expedite its probe into the corruption allegations.

As for the sex crime and assault allegations dating back from 1997, Abdul Gani said the police found no grounds to prosecute Zulkipli.

Meanwhile, Musa said the possibility of re-opening investigations into the sexual crime allegation does not arise at the moment.

He was asked if the police would consider re-looking the case since Zulkipli was accused of interfering in the 1997 investigations and intimidating witnesses.

"All the witnesses had given their statements. There were three investigations carried out, two in Negeri Sembilan and one in Dang Wangi (Kuala Lumpur).

"(To re-open investigations) is up to the A-G. The A-G has closed the case," he said.

The ACA chief landed in the spotlight on Monday following the disclosure of a report penned by former Sabah ACA chief Mohamad Ramli Manan last year.

The report addressed to then inspector general of police Mohd Bakri Omar contained the numerous allegations against Zulkipli.

Among others, Ramli claimed that the ACA chief had amassed substantial property and assets through corrupt practices.

The report alleged that he owned six houses in Pagoh, Johor and operates two petrol

stations - both of which are registered under his sons and sister's names.

Zulkipli, a former top cop, has since denied the allegations. He said he was vetted and cleared by both the ACA and police prior to his appointment as director-general in 2001.

Several quarters have called on the authorities to clear the air while one anti-corruption watchdog said an independent committee should be formed to investigate the allegations.

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