

IGP: Zulkipli will be called in once facts weighed
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The police will record a statement from Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director-general Zulkipli Mat Noor once the task-force probing the allegations against him finishes weighing the facts of the case.

Inspector-General of Police Musa Hassan said the task-force is currently focused on the statement from retired Sabah ACA director Mohamad Ramli Manan and the assets owned by Zulkipli over the last 10 years.

"Once we are done going through the facts, we will get a statement from Zulkipli," he was quoted as saying by Bernama.

However, Musa declined to elaborate further as investigations are still on going.

The police chief also asked the media to be patient and not sensationalise the case to the point where the public are given the wrong impression.

Yesterday, Musa said the investigations will take time as the police must sift through reports dating 10 years back.

"It is not easy to run through the 'backdated' facts of the case. Furthermore our special team (probing the matter) consists of three officers and they need time to ensure that no fact is overlooked," he said.

'Wealth beyond his means'

The Zulkipli scandal came to light last week when an anti-corruption watchdog revealed a report penned by Ramli last year which contained allegations of corruption against the ACA chief.

It was said that the ACA chief, who is a former high-ranking police officer, had amassed wealth and properties beyond his means.

Apart from this, the report also revealed that a businesswoman had accused Zulkipli of sexual assault in 1997 when he was Johor police chief.

However, Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail later said that police investigations then found no grounds for prosecution.

Zulkipli, who has denied the allegations, was appointed to head the ACA in 2001. His tenure has been extended twice since then.

On Wednesday, Ramli filed a civil suit against several government bodies and a major English-language daily at the Kuala Lumpur High Court.

Ramli is seeking compensation and damages on grounds of alleged "libel, slander, malicious prosecution and reckless falsehood", with the claims involving different parties.

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