

Whistleblower: No faith in police probe
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Mohamad Ramli Abdul Manan, who became a household name following the corruption scandal involving Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director-general Zulkipli Mat Noor, has no hope in police investigations regarding the matter.

The former Sabah ACA director is only concerned about his pension, which he claims is being held back.

"I have no hope (in the investigation). I have no interest in the case. I have already retired," he said when contacted yesterday.

"It was my duty (to file a report against Zulkipli) because I was still with the ACA. If I did not carry out an investigation after receiving information, or did not report on the outcome of the investigation, I would have committed an offence under the Anti-Corruption Act," he added.

The report by Ramli, penned just months before his retirement last December, contained explosive allegations against Zulkipli ranging from corruption to sexual assault.

The report was revealed by an anti-corruption watchdog and published by malaysiakini last month.

After he retired on Dec 8 last year, Ramli realised that his pension and other benefits were held back by the government.

On March 7, he filed a suit against the government and several relevant parties to claim back his pension and other compensation.

He is still waiting for the writ of summon to be registered and sealed by court. Only then, can his lawyer serve the summon to the defendants.

Without his pension, the retired civil servant is now making ends meet by working part-time in a law firm in his home town of Seremban.

Meanwhile, Zulkipli - who has been ACA chief for the past six years - has denied the allegations. A special task force involving the police and the Attorney-General's Chambers has since been set up to probe the matter.

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However, Ramli said the police had not contacted him since recording his statement during a 10-hour session two weeks ago.

"I had told the police everything. If they need my cooperation, I'm willing to help," he added.

Asked on the decision by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Integrity to call off a hearing involving Zulkipli and him, Ramli appeared indifferent.

"I gave all the information to the police, privileged and confidential information, only the police and public prosecutor can access.

"The information cannot be revealed or else it will jeopardise the investigation. So I think there is nothing much the committee can do," he said.

Yesterday, the 12-member committee decided not to hear Zulkipli and Ramli for the time being until the pending court cases are disposed of.

The committee also took into consideration the issue raised by lawyer Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, who is representing former land and cooperative minister Kasitah Gaddam.

Last week, Shafee told the Kuala Lumpur High Court that the statements made by Ramli in his exclusive interview with malaysiakini could potentially prejudice his client's corruption trial.

Commenting on this, Ramli said he was prepared to face any legal action resulting from his statement.

"He can proceed (with the legal action). I'm willing to be present in court. He has the right to do so," he said.

On the other hand, Ramli is also considering filing a defamation suit against Shafee for calling the former 'insane' and a 'runaway train'.

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