

Why still no probe on reports against CM?
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Despite lodging two reports against Sabah Chief Minister Musa Aman, opposition leader Dr Jeffrey Kitingan has yet to be interviewed by the police or Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA).

On March 19, the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Sabah chief filed a 25-point police report against Musa over a litany of allegations of corruption and abuse of power.

Previously, Kota Kinabalu district police chief ACP Ku Chin Wah said the case has been transferred to the state police headquarters.

Jeffrey also filed a report with the ACA on Feb 12 over Musa's alleged involvement in irregularities arising from several government bodies having to relocate to Wisma Bandaraya (photo).

The report was handed directly to Sabah ACA director Latifah Md Yatim.

"I have told the authorities that I am ready anytime (to be interviewed)," the opposition leader said when contacted yesterday.

"I'm very disappointed. Why has there been no indication of any development on both reports. Are they doing their duty?" he said.

ACA director was nervous

Jeffrey said the state ACA director appeared apprehensive in accepting his report. "They were very nervous. They told the press not to do anything (about the report)," he claimed.

According to the report, government bodies were previously paying a small sum for rent or using state or federal government buildings for free.

Musa had later allegedly 'influenced' them into renting spaces in Wisma Bandaraya at an inflated rate.

Jeffrey's report also contained documents from the Companies Commission of Malaysia which stated that Musa owned Wisma Bandaraya through his 60 percent ownership of Bestco Sdn Bhd while his wife, Faridah Tussin, is a director of the company.

Bestco is said to have collected RM9.4 million between 2003 to 2006 in rent from two tenants alone - state Resource and Information Technology Development Ministry and the Human Resource Development Department.

Another RM20 million is alleged to have been collected from the Inland Revenue Board, Fama and the Registrar of Societies (ROS) during an undisclosed time-frame.

Jeffrey also claimed that there were irregularities and abuse of powers in how Bestco managed to acquire the land where Wisma Bandaraya was erected.

In one example, he stated in the report that four notices were sent to Bestco on quit rent arrears amounting to RM264,000 since 1993, but have yet to be paid.

In many of his accusations, Jeffrey alleged that Musa was in breach of Section 2 (2) of the Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance No 22 1970 for corrupt practice.

Despite numerous attempts, Latifah and her deputy Nasharuddin Mohd Noor could not be reached for comment.

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