

**'MACC cannot be trusted to probe Copgate'**

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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) cannot be trusted to probe accusations levelled at attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail and former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan in the 'Copgate' affair.

NONETHis, said PKR Subang MP R Sivarasa (right), is because the MACC officers are "the same people who were behind the then Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA), which has been named as party to the criminal accusations against the duo".

Gani and Musa have been blamed for framing police officers in order to cover up the crimes of infamous Johor-based underworld figure Goh Cheng Poh, who is also known as 'Tengku Goh', with whom Musa is said to be closely linked.

Malaysiakini reported that former Kuala Lumpur Commercial Crimes Investigations Department director Ramli Yusuff and some of his men were targeted and falsely framed with fabricating evidence, in order to derail their investigations and to protect Goh.

'ACA manipulated to fabricate evidence'

Ramli accused Gani of being in cahoots with Musa and manipulating the ACA to fabricate evidence against the police officers involved in the highly confidential investigations against Goh, back in 2007.

Recently, Ramli came forward with new evidence as well as a witness still serving in the force, Musa's former aide-de-camp, who is willing to testify in an independent tribunal Ramli says should be set up to investigate Gani and Musa.

After much public pressure for a judicial tribunal to probe the claims, Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussien said on Monday that the MACC was the right agency to conduct investigations.

"This shows that Hishammuddin does not understand the issue, even though he said he has looked into the files and called it 'an old issue'," Sivarasa said.

ramli yusuff commercial crime director police pc 301007 total denySivarasa today distributed two sets of documents to reporters at the Parliament lobby - a letter from Ramli (left) to the ACA and a statutory declaration from a part-time taxi driver on the ACA's involvement in the issue.

Ramli, in the letter addressed to ACA director Bahri Mohd Zain that is dated Aug 21, 2007, asks for seven days to study the Bahri's order to submit the police investigation files on Goh to ACA, since this could jeopardise the identity of witnesses.

"But as we got to know later, Ramli never got the extra time he had requested for," Sivarasa said.

The taxi driver in his statutory declaration (SD) dated Sept 10, 2007, says he was interrogated by the ACA five days in row on the information he had given police in April the same year on "illegal gambling activities" Goh was involved in.

The driver also states in the SD that he got the impression during the interrogation that the ACA was "siding with" Musa.

Sivarasa said the ACA had acted on Gani's order, therefore relying on the MACC to investigate the matter

will be counter-productive.

"We don't know whether the allegations are true, but they must be investigated," he said, adding that the opposition would reveal more evidence on the allegations.

"The implications are very serious because they involve Gani, Musa and very senior government officials," Sivarasa said.

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