

Najib's refusal for tribunal won't absolve AG or Musa

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Prime Minister Najib Razak's refusal to set up a tribunal to deal with allegations against attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail and former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan will not clear the pair of the criminal offences they are accused of.

In an open letter to current IGP Ismail Omar today, former Kuala Lumpur CID chief Mat Zain Ibrahim said Najib should realise that only tribunal before a panel appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong can clear Gani and Musa.

"Any other form of independent panel formed with other names will be worthless. Such action can be deemed as derogatory to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong," Mat Zain said.

NONE"I repeat that the only way to clear Gani (right) and Musa is only through a tribunal formed according to the constitution.

"Any other method can be seen as a violation to the constitution and will be seen as a whitewash exercise directed to blind the public," he says in the open letter.

Over the past few weeks Malaysiakini has highlighted the plight of former Commercial Crimes Investigation Department chief Ramli Yusuff and six of his men, who had allegedly been fixed by Gani, Musa and the Anti Corruption Agency (ACA), the earlier version of the MACC.

On Sunday, it was reported that Musa had allegedly consulted a dubious underworld character named BK Tan over the promotion and transfers of police officers.

Mat Zain noted that Musa, Gani and Kuala Lumpur Hospital's Dr Abdul Rahman Yusof had yet to be fully absolved for fabricating evidence in PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim's 'black eye' incident.

NONEHe reiterated that the ACA was wrong in classifying the case as abuse of power and not fabrication of evidence.

The former senior police officer asked if Najib could spend time to meet Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan (left, the Sodomy II complainant) at his residence to hear Saiful's complaint, and use all the government machinery to protect the man, then is it fair of the PM not to attend to the complaints from police officers?

"The PM has to realise there are many people, including ordinary citizens and police officers, who are wrongly implicated," Mat Zain said.

"Several of the country's institutions, including the judiciary, the Attorney-General's Chambers, the police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and other departments are in a bind to enforce the law when it involves the two (Musa and Gani), and there are ministers who issue confusing statements and give facts that have been manipulated and are wrong," he said.

Gani and Musa should support tribunal

Gani and Musa, Mat Zain said, should support the formation of a tribunal. They should not let the matter prolong further, resulting in more people becoming victims of circumstances, besides being pulled into it to protect the two as well.

The former KL CID chief said as a result of Najib trying to protect the two, he was now faced with a

problem of his own, resulting in questions being raised about his affidavit regarding the Anwar Ibrahim Sodomy II trial.

“Whatever the PM's decision, whether to stick with his earlier decision of not having a tribunal or having it, it will not stop such questions concerning him on the affidavit in question,” he added.

Earlier, Mat Zain suggested that Najib be investigated for his affidavits in relation to Anwar Ibrahim's Sodomy II trial, in which Najib had refused to testify as a defence witness, as the affidavit contained a different version of the prime minister's name when he took the oath of office.

He said police have no reason not to investigate it as they could use the letters that Najib had sent earlier as a basis to investigate Najib's affidavit.

Mat Zain said it would not be a problem for the police to investigate the prime minister, for he himself had done so in the case of former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 2000, following reports lodged by former ACA director-general Shafee Yahaya.

“We did not only open investigation papers but also seized two sensitive ACA investigation papers at that time, involving the agency's raid on former Economic Planning Unit director-general Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman, during which money was found in his table drawer,” he said.

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