

## **No probe on alleged 1MDB cover-up, says Zahid**

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PARLIAMENT The police are not investigating an alleged 1MDB cover-up to hide key witnesses, as claimed by a former senior police officer, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi says.

This is because no report has been lodged on the matter, either by the former Special Branch deputy director Abdul Hamid Bador or by any party until now, Zahid said.

"So, his accusation was merely an assumption that was carried by the social media," he said in a written reply yesterday.

Zahid, who is also home minister, said this in reply to Mahfuz Omar (PAS-Pokok Sena), who asked the minister to reveal the latest status of the police investigation following the claim made by Abdul Hamid (photo).

"(Abdul Hamid said) certain quarters covered up the relevant information, hiding three key witnesses related to 1MDB, as well as using the police, especially the Special Branch, to intervene in the interest of certain quarters," Mahfuz said.

Zahid declined to comment when asked what action will be taken against Abdul Hamid if his allegations were false.

### **Show-cause letter**

He said a show-cause letter had already been issued, and the case was being reviewed before any action was taken.

"The ministry does not wish to comment further on this matter as it is still under investigation and it might derail the probe," he said.

After he was transferred out of the Special Branch to the Prime Minister's Department, Abdul Hamid told the media there were efforts by 'certain powers' to hide main witnesses involved in the SRC International scandal.

However, he did divulge further details other than that one of main witnesses had hidden in Indonesia and Thailand, and was now in hiding in New Zealand.

SRC, a former 1MDB subsidiary, is alleged to have transferred RM42 million to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal accounts.

The allegation is being investigated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

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