

No pressure for chief to resign, says MACC
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission chief commissioner Abu Kassim Mohamed is not being pressured to resign, the anti-graft body said.

This is in response to a report by The Malaysian Insider citing a source, claiming that Abu Kassim might be replaced for health reasons.

"For now, there is no pressure from any party asking him to end his service with the MACC," the commission said in a statement today.

It added that Abu Kassim will hold fast to his principle that he will not resign under pressure from any party, if there was any.

Even if he were to resign due to his health, it would be purely his decision, MACC said.

Abu Kassim had previously undergone surgery for a back problem in August last year and was back on duty by middle of October.

In August, several MACC officers were brought in for questioning by the police for investigation into purported information leaks related to probes into corruption scandals plaguing Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

The office of an MACC prosecutor, Ahmad Sazilee Abdul Khairy, was raided by Special Branch officers, who confiscated documents related to investigation into 1MDB, the brainchild of Najib.

Earlier, MACC adviser Rashpal Singh and an officer with the Attorney-General's Chambers Jessica Gurmit Kaur had also been detained for questioning over the alleged information leaks.

Seven MACC officers were similarly questioned on the issue, while two others were abruptly transferred.

MACC is currently investigating the RM2.6 billion "donation" in Najib's personal accounts as well as SRC International.

Both the investigations are independent, it insisted.

Abu Kassim's contract as MACC chief will end in 2018, while his compulsory retirement public service is in 2020.