

MACC still probing 'Istana Khir' and MB Khalid
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A number of outstanding cases involving high profile personalities are still being investigated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

This was revealed in its reply to questions posed by the Parliamentary Special Committee on Corruption (SCC), which appended the replies in its 2009 annual report, released today.

Among others, the MACC told the SCC that the probe on former Selangor menteri besar Khir Toyo's mansion in Shah Alam and investigations on current Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim for abuse of power are still ongoing.

A summary of the replies follows:

Case: Teoh Beng Hock

NONEBackground: Teoh (right) is a political aide to Selangor executive council member Ean Yong Hian Wah. He was found dead on June 16, 2008 after apparently plunging nine stories from the Selangor MACC headquarters after undergoing an overnight investigation session.

MACC's reply: The MACC said Teoh was not being investigated but was a key witness into investigations of alleged malpractices in the disbursement of state allocations by Selangor state legislators.

"With regard to the death of Teoh near the MACC Selangor premises, the inquest into this matter is still ongoing," read the SCC report.

Case: Anwar Ibrahim's report against IGP, A-G

NONEBackground: On July 1, PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim lodged a damning report against inspector-general of police Musa Hassan and attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail for allegedly fabricating evidence in the infamous "black-eye incident" in 1998.

Anwar's allegations were backed by former police official Mat Zain Ibrahim who lodged a separate report. Mat Zain was the investigating officer in the "black-eye" case in 1998.

An independent panel comprising of former top judges was formed by the then Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) to probe the matter and found no case.

Reply: All documents submitted by Anwar and Mat Zain were submitted to independent deputy public prosecutors on July 14, 2009. Though not said specifically, the MACC independent prosecutors found no case.

"After a thorough review of all the documents and letters, the independent deputy public prosecutors hold to their earlier views as decided previously," replied the MACC in the report.

The MACC said that this was then conveyed by the chairperson of the Anti-Corruption Advisory Board (ACAB) to Anwar in a letter dated Jan 28, 2010.

Case: Selangor Menteri Besar 'cars and cows' controversy

NONEBackground: Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim was accused in early 2009 of abusing his power in donating RM110,400 worth of sacrificial cattle and purchasing a luxury car for official use. It was later established that the car was his own.

Then MACC chief Ahmad Said Hamdan subsequently went against protocol to publicly claim that there was "strong evidence" to charge Khalid.

Reply: The case involving the cattle was closed on the direction of the deputy public prosecutor and agreed by the MACC's Operations Review Panel.

"Meanwhile, the MACC investigations into the allegation involving the maintenance of cars owned by the Selangor Menteri Besar had been submitted to the deputy public prosecutor for further review and decision," read MACC's reply.

Case: Ali Rustam and money politics

hulu selangor bn sungai tinggi ceramah 180410 ali rustam 01Background: Umno deputy presidency aspirant Mohd Ali Rustam, who is also Malacca chief minister, was found guilty of bribery in the run-up to the party elections and disqualified after an internal inquiry.

Reply: The case has been closed on the directive of the deputy public prosecutor and agreed upon by the Operations Review Panel.

Case: Khir Toyo's balinese-style mansion

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Reply: The matter is still under investigation on the directive of the deputy public prosecutor.

Case: Port Klang Free Zone

Background: Numerous reports have been lodged since 2007 over the PKFZ scandal regarding a laundry list of financial improprieties.

Reply: The MACC said that the case was still being investigated as it was "complex and complicated", involving a lot of financial details and other documents.

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