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'Probe wealth of Dr M's sons'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The People's Welfare Party (Kita) has urged the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail to probe into the wealth of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's children, Tan Sri Mokhzani and Datuk Mirzan, who it claimed had become billionaires "in a short span of time".

Party leader Zamil Ibrahim called on the authorities to instruct MACC and the police to begin investigations into the wealth acquisitions of Sepang International Circuit chairman Mokhzani, 54, and SBI Offshore Ltd non-executive director Mirzan, 56.

He said should MACC or the A-G refuse to act on the matter, he urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to intervene as the duo's sudden success had raised suspicions among Malaysians, as if they had obtained "help" from the former prime minister.

"Kita urges MACC and police to be given the directive to begin investigations immediately. The author-

ities do not need any evidence or testimonies from me because this issue has been highlighted in the media, just like the case of *The Wall Street Journal*.

"The authorities need to probe into how these two children of Dr Mahathir became multimillionaires in a short period of time.

"This raises suspicions as to how they could have had a business *modal* (capital) involving billions of ringgit.

"Where did the *modal* come from? Their grandparent was only a schoolteacher.

"Malaysians are very much impressed with the lmaurious life of Dr Mahathir and his family, who had often times said he (Dr Mahathir) was 'clean' enough that he dared to pretend to offer RMI million to show that he was 'clean'," Zamil said yesterday.

Mokhzani has been ranked the 26th richest person in Malaysia by *Forbes'* "Malaysia's 50 Richest" list, with an estimated net worth of US\$700 million (RM2.65 billion).