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# Restate stand on Dr M, Rafizi urged

**KUALA LUMPUR:** PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli has been urged to reveal whether he still stands by his view that former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was a corrupt politician.

Blogger Lim Sian See said this following Rafizi's announcement that he would lodge a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission against Pas for allegedly receiving funds from Malaysia Development Bhd (IMDB).

Lim, in a statement on Wednesday, said he was touched by Rafizi's recent statement that he would leave it to Allah and the people to judge his actions against Pas.

"(Rafizi said) the people have a right to receive real information about the intention and position of every political party regarding misappropriation (of funds) so that the people can make an informed decision at the ballot box."

Lim asked Rafizi whether he still believed that Dr Mahathir's RM20 million house in Country Heights and his children's wealth was the result of corrupt practices.

Lim cited a video of a speech by Rafizi prior to the 13th General Election, in which he claimed it was impossible for Dr Mahathir to amass his wealth if he was not corrupt.

In the video, Rafizi claimed: "Dr Mahathir, in his blog, said he lives comfortably because he saved up his monthly salaries... But the most he can save (throughout his tenure as prime minister) is RM750,000.

"His house in Country Heights is worth RM20 million, and his children, Mirzan and Mokhzani, are listed as two of the richest people in the country.

"It's impossible for Dr Mahathir to have such wealth, and for his children to become famous millionaires, if he did not take bribes."

Lim said he hoped Rafizi would clarify whether he still stood by his views on Dr Mahathir, or whether he was "just joking".

"Rafizi's explanation is very important because, like he said, the people have the right to receive real information."

Dr Mahathir's new party, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia, recently signed an electoral pact with Pakatan Harapan, which comprises PKR, DAP and Parti Amanah Negara, to ensure straight fights against Barisan Nasional in the upcoming polls.

Rafizi recently claimed that an individual close to the Pas leadership had received funds from IMDB, and that he would lodge a report with the MACC on the matter.