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In his blog, ex-premier reveals he is privy to report on 1MDB through Muhyiddin

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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday, in a post on his blog, revealed that he is privy to classified government

information.

The Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman said he had access to the information, which includes the Auditor General's report on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), through former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The report was classified as an official secret by the National Security Council in March last year.

"Some have commented that I know the contents of reports by Bank Negara Malaysia, MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) and the Auditor General to Apandi (Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali).

"Yes, I do know," said the former prime minister.

He said he knew the contents of the Bank Negara report because

(former) attorney-general Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail showed it to Muhyiddin while the latter was still deputy prime minister.

Dr Mahathir had earlier criticised Pandan member of parliament Rafizi Ramli's conviction in November last year for breaching the Official Secrets Act 1972. The latter had leaked the Auditor General's report on 1MDB during a press conference last year and was sentenced to 18 months in jail.

He has since filed an appeal against the conviction.

Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak had, however, said the former PKR Youth leader Ezam Mohd Nor was also jailed for revealing a document classified "secret" during Dr Mahathir's time in office.

Ezam was jailed for two years for exposing classified documents on approved permits for vehicle imports.

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