

MACC TO CALL UP MUHYIDDIN, ZAFRUL, KJ

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Ex-PM, ministers of PN-led govt to be called in over probe into alleged breach of procedure

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission will call up at least three members of the previous Perikatan Nasional-led administration in its investigation into the alleged misappropriation of RM600 billion in public funds.

Sources told the *New Straits Times* that the three are former prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, former finance minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and former health minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

It was unclear when the three will be summoned to have their statements recorded.

The RM600 billion in public funds were for the Covid-19 pandemic and included allocations for Covid-19 vaccines.

On Tuesday, MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki confirmed that the commission had opened an investigation into the matter.

However, it is understood that the investigation is at the preliminary stage, with preparations being made before individuals are called in to have their statements recorded.

Parti Amanah Negara mobilisation bureau director Sany Hamzan yesterday said he had yet to be called up by the anti-graft body.

Sany, who raised the issue, said he could provide evidence, including documentation, on the alleged misappropriation of funds.

He said while waiting for the MACC to contact him, he would gather more evidence on the alleged breach of procedure.

"I have yet to be called by the MACC after lodging a police report on Nov 30, but I am ready to fully cooperate with the authorities when called. I will go with evidence that show the breach happened."

The Taman Templer assemblyman said he wanted the authorities to probe the matter fairly.

"If there is no offence committed or no misappropriation, then we will accept it. But we are suspicious of Perikatan Nasional's lavish spending (in the 15th General Election). That is why we lodged a police report and demanded an investigation."

He said he would go to Istana

Negara yesterday to submit a memorandum asking the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to support the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate the matter.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim recently said Finance Ministry officials had confirmed that there was a serious breach of procedures in the handling of RM600 billion of public funds during Muhyiddin's administration.

Muhyiddin had reportedly said he was not afraid of being investigated.

The PN chairman had said it was impossible for him to misappropriate funds as it was money from the Employees Provident Fund and banks, which were not under his control.

He questioned how the amount of RM600

billion came about and whether the number included the eight economic stimulus packages announced during his administration, which amounted to RM530 billion.

Muhyiddin's former chief private secretary, Datuk Dr Marzuki Mohamad, had slammed the allegations, saying they were false and a psychological warfare trick to damage Muhyiddin's reputation.



Sany Hamzan