

LUCRATIVE GOVT CONTRACT

MACC probing ex-PM, son-in-law

Source says probe focusing on possible power abuse

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is investigating a former prime minister and his son-in-law in relation to a lucrative government contract.

A source close to MACC said the probes were focused on possible abuse of power in the award of the National Integrated Immigration System (NIISe).

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pany's links to those who were in power at the time."

There have been suggestions that NIISe, which is being developed to replace the Immigration Department's existing foreign workers registration mechanism by 2025, is a sick project.

Its website shows Ruslan Atan, an administrative and diplomatic officer, is in charge of the "NUSe Special Project Team".

"MACC may be calling in senior members of a previous administration as part of its probe."

On Monday, the *New Straits Times* quoted Immigration director-general Datuk Khairul Dzamee Daud as saying NIISe would be introduced in two years with all Immigration-related affairs, including those being managed by outside parties such as MyEG, reverting to the department.

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He said the new system was being developed by Iris Corp Bhd.

Umno supreme council member Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi had tried to suggest that the ex-prime minister's son-in-law might be the unnamed relative mentioned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim when the latter was talking about cronies and relatives being awarded lucrative contracts.

The leader's son-in-law was also named in previous media reports as one of the main players in the contract for NIISe.

He was also widely mentioned in the department's 6P Amnesty Programme years ago to register illegal foreigners.