

'MUHYIDDIN QUESTIONED BY MACC AS SUSPECT'

He should not make speculative comments, says source in commission

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FORMER prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was indeed called in to have his statement

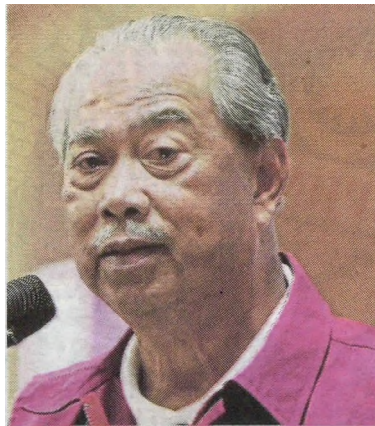
recorded as a suspect in the Jana Wibawa project probe.

According to a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) source, Muhyiddin, the Pagoh member of parliament, should not make speculative comments because such matters could interfere with the commission's investigations.

"Investigations are also underway against several individuals, including former finance minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz," said the source.

The source said Tengku Zafrul would be called in to provide a statement in the near future.

On Saturday, Muhyiddin denied that he was a suspect in the ongoing probe, adding that the



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Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz

Jana Wibawa programme was proposed by Tengku Zafrul.

Jana Wibawa, or *Program Jana Ekonomi Pemerkasaan Kontraktor Bumiputera Berwibawa*, was introduced to expedite the execution of projects to spur the nation's economic recovery as it transitioned to the endemic phase of Covid-19.

It was also aimed at improving the resilience and competitiveness of Bumiputera contractors in the construction sector.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had on Feb 15 announced the government was postponing RM5.7 billion in rural development projects under Jana Wibawa.

This, he said, was to determine whether they were awarded in accordance with the procurement process and governance requirements set by the Treasury.

Meanwhile, Tengku Zafrul, who is now international trade and industry minister, said he would cooperate with the authorities if summoned.

"There's nothing to hide and I am ready to have my statement recorded if required to do so," said the minister in a Facebook post on Saturday night.

Page 1 pic: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin with his back to the camera as he delivers a speech in Arau, Perlis, in the 15th General Election last year.