

Is Muhyiddin facing arrest?

After MACC call-up, talk is rife that ex-PM may be charged

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PETALING JAYA: Former prime minister has been called up by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) headquarters, amid speculation that he will be arrested and charged.

The speculation started swirling after the MACC had reportedly raided the house of a top Bersatu leader's son over alleged corruption involving Bersatu funds.

Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is Bersatu president, denied talk that he had been arrested.

"I wish to clarify that the claims in a portal that I was arrested while playing golf are false," he said in a Facebook post.

"Today, I attended several meet-

ings in preparation for the Bersatu AGM on Friday.

"However, I have been asked to be at the MACC headquarters in Putrajaya at 11am tomorrow (today)," he said yesterday.

Earlier in the day, an MACC source said the house of a top Bersatu leader son had been raided over alleged corruption.

The source said the leader himself would be arrested soon and charged in court for corruption involving party funds.

It is not known whether the source was referring to Muhyiddin as the top leader.

"MACC officers raided the house on Monday. It is usually the first step before the person is arrested and charged.

"The leader is likely to be arrest-

ed in a day or two," said the source.

MACC has yet to officially confirm the raid.

The graft busters are currently investigating allegations that contractors had allegedly deposited RM300mil into the Bersatu party account in return for projects.

Muhyiddin has denied this, calling it political slander intended to smear his reputation as the eighth prime minister.

On Feb 18, Muhyiddin said the MACC had confirmed that he was not a suspect in the ongoing investigations when he was called up to give his statement.

Muhyiddin had also named former finance minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz as the one who had approved the companies taking part in the Jana

Wibawa programme, which was launched during the Covid-19 pandemic to assist bumiputra contractors.

Tengku Zafrul has also been questioned by the MACC.

Several Bersatu leaders have already been picked up by the commission.

On March 2, Bersatu treasurer Datuk Seri Mohd Salleh Bajuri was remanded but released on March 3.

Prior to that, former Bersatu information chief and Tasek Gelugor MP Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan and Segambut division deputy chief Adam Radian Adam Muhammad were charged in court.

They were alleged to have collected funds from the award of projects during the tenure of Muhyiddin as the eighth prime minister.