

WITH TWO OF HIS SONS

# MACC confirms corruption probe into

Dr Mahathir

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**GUA MUSANG:** The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) confirms that former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is the subject of a graft investigation.

Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki yesterday said Dr Mahathir was being probed together with two of his sons, businessmen Tan Sri Mohkzani and Mirzan.

“I wish to confirm that he (Dr Mahathir) is among those being investigated.

“This follows an investigation into two of his sons.”

He said this after officiating at the MACC’s Gua Musang branch at the South Kelantan Development Authority (Kesedar) headquarters here.

On another matter, Azam said MACC was still investigating Malaysia’s acquisition of the Scorpene submarines in 2002.

“We are in contact with other parties abroad to get more information on a number of transactions.

“*Alhamdulillah*, there has been positive response to our queries and on what we need.

“I will provide more updates when the time is right.”

The issue involved the purchase of two Scorpene-class submarines and one Agosta submarine from French naval dockyards unit DCN, now part of Thales, in a deal worth US\$1.2 billion.

Also, Azam denied claims the MACC had stopped probing the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) issue.

He said the commission was contacting parties abroad to collect information.

The LCS project is the largest acquisition in the Defence Ministry’s history, with an overall value of RM9 billion.

On another matter, Azam said MACC was expecting more arrests in connection with the case involving a menteri besar’s son involving RM600,000 in falsified claims.

In **Kangar**, the magistrate’s court granted a one-day remand extension against the son of the Perlis menteri besar and four others detained in connection with the probe.

A MACC source said one other suspect attached to the State Secretary’s Office as a technician assistant, in his 20s, was released.