

# 'MOKHZANI PROBE LINKED TO HIS FATHER'

Investigation tied to Dr Mahathir's alleged abuse of power, says MACC source

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**T**HE investigation into businessman Tan Sri Mokhzani Mahathir is tied to his father, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's alleged abuse of power, said a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) source.

"The investigation is in relation to his father's alleged abuse of power.

"The investigations into Mokhzani and Mirzan are related to their father.

"Mokhzani's case, however, is not related to Mirzan's case," the source told the *New Straits Times*.

Earlier, it was reported that Mokhzani was issued a notice by the MACC to declare his assets regardless of whether they were in the country or abroad.

The businessman was summoned by the MACC on Friday at 11am and has been given 30 days to declare his assets.

Sources said he was being investigated under the MACC Act

2009 and the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

On Jan 18, the MACC also requested Mirzan to declare his domestic and foreign movable and immovable assets within 30 days.

Last Tuesday, Toh Puan Na'imah Abdul Khalid, the wife of former finance minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, was charged at the Sessions Court with failing to comply with MACC notices to declare her assets.

On Jan 10, Na'imah and her two sons, Amir and Amin, were summoned to the MACC headquarters in Putrajaya to have their statements recorded.

Daim had said on Saturday that the MACC was expected to charge him today.

In a separate case, MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said the commission would question more people in its investigation into bribery allegations involving a former political secretary to a former home minister and three businessmen.

He said it would also open investigation papers on a company and contractor that secured contracts from the Home Ministry.

"The suspects allegedly solicited and received money from contractors of Home Ministry projects.

"There are many aspects we need to investigate regarding the money they received.

"The money appears to have been invested in properties, such

as cars.

"So we need to verify the ownership of the luxury cars and check whether the assets are legitimate.

"That's why we seized all the cars, and we will compel them to declare their assets and disclose their sources of income," Azam told the NST.

On Wednesday, the MACC had detained four businessmen on suspicion of receiving bribes from several companies and contractors that had secured contracts from a ministry.

Among the four were a former political secretary to a former minister and a Datuk Seri.

A source said the former political secretary, the main suspect, allegedly requested and received bribes to ensure that million of ringgit in contracts from a ministry were awarded to certain contractors between 2020 and 2021.

The MACC had seized several luxury vehicles owned by the suspects on suspicion that they were bought using proceeds from bribery.

The vehicles are a Rolls Royce Ghost V12 Ewb, a Mercedes-Benz G63 AMG Brabus, a Range Rover Autobiography, a Porsche Cayenne, a Toyota Land Cruiser, a Mini Cooper Works Rhd, a Toyota Alphard, a Toyota Vellfire and a Mercedes-Benz S400L.

On Saturday, the Putrajaya magistrate's court had granted a three-day extension to the remand of two of the suspects.