

# '1BestariNet governance must be probed before Muhyiddin can be quizzed'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission will look into several matters, including the governance of 1BestariNet, before questioning former prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said although questioning Muhyiddin was on the graft-buster's to-do list, now was not the time.

"According to the lead investigator, there are several other matters that need to be investigated and compiled first," he told reporters after a signing ceremony between MACC and the Social Security Organisation on its governance enhancement report here.

"Our officers have started conducting random checks on the (Internet connectivity) that was provided by the company to the schools involved. They will need to study this thoroughly.

"We are not only looking at issues related to crime, but also issues concerning governance in the tender granted to the company in question."

It was reported that a former education minister was among those expected to be questioned

by MACC in its investigations into alleged questionable payments in the 1BestariNet service tender.

It is understood that the former minister would be summoned as the project involving 8,000 schools was approved under his watch.

Sources said MACC was continuing investigations into the matter, and several individuals linked to the case were expected to be called in to provide their statements.

It is understood that MACC was in the process of identifying witnesses in the investigation, which is focused on

payment claims involving alleged false details amounting to RM2.7 billion.

In 2011, the government launched the 1BestariNet project with the aim of providing high-speed Internet access to schools nationwide.

The Education Ministry, at the time, awarded a 15-year contract worth RM4.1 billion to YTL Communications Sdn Bhd (Yes 4G) for the implementation of the project.

Sources disclosed that MACC had raided a government office and the YTL Communications premises in Kuala Lumpur.

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**TAN SRI AZAM BAKI**  
MACC chief commissioner