

# Ismail Sabri questioned for 6 hours, next session Monday

**PUTRAJAYA:** Former prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob left the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) headquarters at 5.42pm yesterday after six hours of interrogation.

This is his second day of questioning in MACC's probe into corruption and money laundering, where he is named a suspect.

The investigation was delayed multiple times due to Ismail Sabri's health issues.

He arrived for the first session of questioning in a black sedan at 8.46am. He was granted a three-hour break for Friday prayers at 12.30pm. He returned for the second session of questioning at 3.20pm, which ended at 5.42pm.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said the next session was postponed to Monday as Ismail Sabri had a programme to attend in his parliamentary constituency Bera, Pahang.

"He is cooperating with the recording officers, but I cannot disclose the content of his statement," he said.

More than 30 media personnel waited outside the MACC building as early as 8am, but could not speak to Ismail Sabri.

Yesterday's questioning session is believed to have focused on verifying the hundreds of documents that were seized under the corruption investigation.

A source said the documents include asset declarations, procurement records and approval documents from Ismail Sabri's time in office.

On Thursday, Azam said yesterday's session would focus on completing the statement-taking process, then MACC would decide on the next step.

The probe is being conducted under the MACC Act 2009 and the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

Investigators are examining potential links between the seized assets and government expenditure.

MACC seized about RM170 million in multiple currencies and 16kg of worth RM7 million as part of the investigation.

Ismail Sabri is the third former prime minister to be investigated for corruption after leaving office.

The other two are Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who has been jailed, and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.