

# MACC TO KEEP QUIZZING ISMAIL SABRI

**Ex-PM to continue giving statement until graftbusters are satisfied with his explanation**

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**D**ATUK Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob is expected to continue providing his statement to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) until investigators are satisfied with his explanation and the evidence gathered.

A source, commenting on the corruption and money-laundering probe involving the former prime minister, claimed graftbusters have yet to decide

when the statement-recording process will conclude.

This, said the source, is because several key documents have yet to undergo verification.

Ismail Sabri, who is Bera member of parliament, is required to present himself at the MACC headquarters in Putrajaya today for further questioning.

The source claimed that the duration of the remaining process will depend on the level of co-operation extended today.

“Tomorrow (today), he will present himself for the fourth time after having previously declared his assets.

“We will see how the session proceeds then.

“Investigators will continue to gather more information until they are satisfied with the explanation and evidence gathered,” *Berita Harian* quoted the source as saying.

The source declined to comment when asked if MACC has decided whether to detain Ismail

Sabri once the statement-recording process ends.

“For now, we will continue to record his statement,” said the source.

It was previously reported that MACC was reviewing hundreds of key documents, including those relating to Ismail Sabri’s assets, as part of an investigation into corruption and money laundering.

It is understood that among the documents being scrutinised are those regarding the assets he declared on Feb 10.

Documents relating to procurement processes and specific approvals are also believed to be under review by MACC investigators.

It is understood that these documents require verification from Ismail Sabri.

It is also understood that the discovery of an unusually large sum of cash had prompted a more extensive review of the documents.

On Thursday, Ismail Sabri was present at the MACC headquarters, where he was questioned for at least five hours by investigators, having previously postponed the session several times due to health concerns.

He spent six hours the following day to record his statement.

In a press conference two weeks ago, MACC revealed the discovery of cash in multiple currencies and gold bars, totalling RM177 million.

This disclosure followed a series of raids on three premises, including a “safe house” in the capital, believed to be connected to the investigation.

The seized assets have been linked to expenses and fund procurement for promotional and publicity purposes during his time in government.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki had previously said Ismail Sabri was classified as a suspect in the case after several witnesses, including himself, were



*Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob*

called to provide statements.

The investigation had been delayed multiple times due to health issues after Ismail Sabri collapsed at his residence and was rushed to the hospital.

The probe into him is being conducted under the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.