

INDONESIA APPOINTMENT SET

MACC may question more people after Ismail Sabri's former son-in-law

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian graft busters may need to call other people in for questioning once they speak to the former son-in-law of Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said, aside from Datuk Jovian Mandagie, anyone named by the former prime minister in his statements would be summoned.

MACC officials are expected to travel to Indonesia within the next two weeks to record a statement from Jovian, who is currently residing there.

"The appointment for the statement recording in Indonesia has been scheduled for a few days after Hari Raya Haji.

"It's not the final piece of the puzzle... there are still other pieces of evidence we need to gather," he told the *New Straits Times*.

The trip aims to verify certain assets declared by the former prime minister on Feb 10.

Azam added the commission was also scrutinising and conducting further investigation on the "defences" Ismail Sabri had



(From left) Tan Sri Azam Baki, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Datuk Jovian Mandagie

put forward.

"Anyone he has named will be called in to give a statement. There are also several banking documents that we have yet to obtain."

The MACC was expected to complete the investigation by the end of next month.

Ismail Sabri has been summoned several times to the MACC headquarters over allegations of corruption and money laundering.

The case revolves around spending and the acquisition of funds for the promotion and publicity of the Keluarga Malaysia

programme during his tenure as prime minister from August 2021 to November 2022.

The current investigation follows an asset declaration order under Section 36(1) of the MACC Act 2009.

On Wednesday, Azam revealed the RM177 million seized in a case linked to the ninth prime minister was the largest sum he had seen in his 42-year career.

He had said the only comparable case was the RM53.3 million found during the 2016 Sabah Water Department scandal, previously the biggest in his experience. **Austin Camoens**