

Over RM169mil forfeited

No third-party claims for money linked to Ismail Sabri

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KUALA LUMPUR: More than RM169mil in various currencies, linked to former prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, has been forfeited by the government.

Sessions Court judge Suzana Hussin permitted the forfeiture following the government's application.



The court was informed by deputy public prosecutor Mahadi Abdul Jumaat that following the Federal Gazette published on Sept 22, no third party has come forward to claim or challenge the asset forfeiture.

The third-party gazette refers to a court process that publishes a notice to inform any parties who may have an interest in, or own-



Confiscated: MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki showing the seized money, jewellery and other items in this file photo.

ership of, assets or properties that have been forfeited by the authorities.

The amounts involved are RM14,772,150; S\$6,132,350; US\$1,461,400; three million Swiss francs; €12,164,150; ¥363,000,000; £50,250; NZ\$44,600; 34,750,000 Emirati Dirham; and A\$352,850.

On July 7, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) filed an application to forfeit over RM169mil in cash belonging to

Ismail Sabri.

It named Ismail Sabri's former political secretary, Datuk Mohammad Anuar Mohd Yunus, and the former prime minister himself as first and second respondents.

The application was made under Section 41(1) of the MACC Act 2009 after the commission was satisfied that the money kept by Mohammad Anuar belonged to Ismail Sabri and was linked to

an offence under Section 36(2) of the same Act.

On Sept 8, the Sessions Court was informed that Ismail Sabri and Mohammad Anuar did not intend to challenge the prosecution's application for the forfeiture.

The forfeiture is part of raids on residences and offices linked to MACC's investigation into Ismail Sabri and his senior aides earlier this year.