

USUAL SARCASTIC FASHION

DR M TO MACC: SHOW UK 'ASSETS'

**Former PM 'amazed' at graft-buster's
claim of investigating overseas properties**

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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his usual sarcastic fashion, has denied owning any assets in the United Kingdom.

The former prime minister said he was “amazed” when he read a statement by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki that the commission was investigating his assets in the UK.

“I was also bewildered. It turns out I have property in the UK. I didn’t know that.

“Please tell me (about these properties) so I can claim them,” he said.

Dr Mahathir said once he had

claimed these properties, he would give them to “the many people who are poor”.

On Tuesday, Azam had said MACC was seeking detailed information from UK authorities on assets there which are owned by Dr Mahathir, his family and associates.

The *New Straits Times* had also reported that MACC had inked a mutual legal assistance deal with UK’s National Crime Agency in December.

The agreement would allow the commission to receive assistance should investigations require a probe into anyone’s assets in the UK.

This included Dr Mahathir’s alleged assets there.