

**MACC lodges report over RPK's latest claims in blog  
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PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has lodged a police report on claims in the popular blog Malaysia Today that a senior politician had used his influence to stop a graft probe against one of his aides.

Putrajaya police chief Asst Comm Abdul Razak Abdul Majid confirmed that a report was lodged by the anti-graft body yesterday, hours after the allegations were posted online by Raja Petra Kamaruddin.

The case is being investigated under the Official Secrets Act.

Raja Petra had posted an article on his blog claiming that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had used his position in the Government at the time to shut down a probe by the then-Anti Corruption Agency (ACA) against Azmin Ali.

The blogger, quoting documents marked as secret and a first-hand account from a person he described as his ex-MACC Deep Throat, alleged that Azmin had been receiving monthly payments from a well-known tycoon.

Raja Petra also claimed that Azmin and his wife, Shamsidar Taharin, had bank accounts, property and vehicles worth millions of ringgit.

Azmin, who is PKR deputy president, meanwhile claimed to an online portal that he was not as wealthy as stated by Raja Petra and refused to elaborate on specific claims made in the investigation paper.

The portal also quoted Azmin as saying that he had given the authorities all the bank statements and documents needed when he was probed in 1995, while he was private secretary to Anwar, who was deputy prime minister at the time.

Meanwhile, businesswoman Umami Hafilda Ali revealed copies of what she said were documents on financial transactions worth up to RM30mil involving her brother Azmin and Shamsidar.

Umami Hafilda claimed that most of the transactions ranged from RM50,000 to RM500,000 each and were made from 1992 to 1994.

She challenged Azmin to lodge a police report within 14 days if he felt that he had been slandered, failing which she would submit the documents to the police.

In a related development, Tolak Individu Bernama Anwar Ibrahim urged the MACC to investigate Azmin, reiterating that they would hold a demonstration in front of the MACC headquarters if action was not taken within a week.

The group had lodged a report at the office in Putrajaya yesterday.

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