

**Dr M, Cabinet never filed report against Liong Sik, says cop**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 – There were no police reports filed against Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed for allegedly cheating the Cabinet in the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) project, a witness said today.

Supt R. Rajagopal, who is the investigating officer in Dr Ling's cheating case told the court that between 1999 to 2009, there were no complaints or reports specifically filed against the former MCA president (picture).

"Until today were there police reports filed by the then-prime minister or Cabinet that the accused had lied to them?" deputy public prosecutor M. Kurup asked to which Rajagopal replied "no".

"In general, no Cabinet minister had ever filed a report against the accused," the director of the police commercial crimes division testified.

Rajagopal also said police had recently interviewed Dr Mahathir and taken his statement.

"His statement was taken on August 15 this year," the cop said.

Dr Ling was charged in July last year with knowingly deceiving the Cabinet into approving the land purchase for the PKFZ, which resulted in wrongful losses for the government.

The prosecution has argued that the additional interest of 7.5 per cent per annum, amounting to some RM720 million, had pushed Port Klang Authority's (PKA) land purchase from RM1.09 billion to RM1.88 billion for the port project.

The former MCA president also faces two alternative charges of deceiving the Cabinet into believing that the purchase at RM25 psf and the 7.5 per cent interest rate were acknowledged and agreed to by the government's Valuation and Property Services Department (JPPH) despite knowing that there was no such agreement.

Dr Ling faces up to seven years' jail and a fine if convicted of the principal charge under Section 418 of the Penal Code.

Rajagopal is the prosecution's last witness. They are expected to wrap up their case tomorrow at 3.30pm and will prepare a list of witnesses to give to the Dr Ling's lawyers, should he be called to enter his defence.

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