

Rafizi dares Khalid to sue him instead of complaining to MACC
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Rafizi Ramli today challenged Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim to sue him, instead of lodging a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) over questions surrounding his integrity.

The PKR strategy director said that if there was nothing to hide, Khalid should come clean and explain everything transparently to the party leadership. Lodging a report with the MACC was just Khalid's way of avoiding the issue.

He said the reason Khalid had gone to the MACC was because he realised that the anti-graft body would find it difficult to act against him, similar to the National Feedlot Centre (NFC) scandal involving the family of Wanita Umno leader Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

"I am not surprised at all that he went to MACC. As we know, during the NFC scandal, MACC had announced earlier on that there was no corruption," Rafizi (pic) said in a statement today.

"Just like the NFC, as the people begin to understand the facts behind it all, the majority of Malaysians never believed MACC's statement that there was no corruption involved in the case."

Rafizi said Khalid has yet to initiate any legal action against him or PKR secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

"I believe this is likely because he does not want to reveal, under oath, his secret dealings with Bank Islam," he said.

"If there was nothing to hide, he (Khalid) should explain or sue me before end to tomorrow,"

Rafizi said the best was for Khalid to settle this was to clear his name and end all the speculation and doubts surrounding his integrity.

This, he said, could be done by revealing the terms behind his RM70 million out-of-court settlement with Bank Islam and explaining how Tan Sri Rashid Manaf's company had benefitted from deals worth hundred thousands of ringgit just a month after settling his debt.

"Even now, he has been avoiding giving any explanation thus raising more doubts over his integrity."

Khalid's chief private secretary yesterday lodged a report with MACC urging a probe into allegations made against the menteri besar.

He said Khalid was convinced he had committed no wrongdoing, despite the allegations made by Saifuddin in the PKR report.

He said the office was taking this initiative because the quarters which came up with the complaints had not made a single report to the MACC.

On Monday, PKR has listed six reasons Khalid should be removed as Selangor menteri besar in an attempt to convince its partners, PAS and DAP, that a better candidate was needed to helm the country's richest state.

In the report distributed to the Pakatan Rakyat pact's top leaders, PKR said the issues which affected the two-term MB's integrity included:

The RM66.67 million debt settlement with Bank Islam, which was settled out of court.

The subsequent dealings on the sale of state land to developers.

The controversial Kinrara-Damansara Expressway project.

The Selangor water deal with Putrajaya.

Issues related to hikes in business licence fees, rubbish collection and potholes.

PKR later slapped Khalid with a show-cause letter for his refusal to step down. – August 7, 2014.

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