

Anti-graft body hits out at PKR's Saifuddin for saying it will clear Selangor MB
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has taken to task a PKR leader for saying that it would clear Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim of any corruption accusations.

MACC deputy chief commissioner (Operations), Datuk Mohd Shukri Abdul, in a statement carried by Bernama, said the claim by PKR secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution (pic) was irresponsible.

"As an independent, transparent and professional body, MACC regards Saifuddin's allegation that MACC carries out selective investigation and MACC will surely announce no cases against Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, as irresponsible and with ill intent against MACC.

"MACC wishes to remind the party concerned not to connect MACC with the political turbulence in PKR without a strong reason."

Khalid, facing pressure from his party to relinquish the MB post and make way for party president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, had told Saifuddin to lodge a report with the MACC on corruption allegations.

Saifuddin had earlier revealed a dossier on Khalid which he said would be distributed to Pakatan Rakyat leaders to explain why PKR wants him replaced.

Among others, it questioned Khalid's RM66.67 million debt settlement with Bank Islam and subsequent dealings on the sale of state land to developers, the controversial Kinrara-Damansara Expressway project and the Selangor water deal with Putrajaya.

Following this, Khalid's office on Wednesday lodged a report with MACC, urging a probe into allegations against the MB.

PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli yesterday challenged Khalid to sue him instead of lodging a report with MACC.

"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 said, referring to the National Feedlot Corporation scandal involving the family of Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

"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."

Shukri meanwhile said MACC's responsibility was only to investigate as provided under the MACC Act 2009, adding that it was up to the public prosecutor to follow up.

"Saifuddin's statement that MACC practised selective investigation is baseless and totally untrue," he added. – August 8, 2014.

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