

**Mahathir's SB ally: I wanted full probe**  
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**Former deputy director suggests his transfer to PM's Dept might be out of 'a certain agenda'**

KUALA LUMPUR: Former Special Branch officer Abdul Hamid Bador, a self-declared Mahathir loyalist, has hinted that he was being transferred out of concern he might not carry out "a certain agenda" regarding investigations into 1Malaysia Development Bhd.

Abdul Hamid, speaking at a press conference today, said "they may be worried about my loyalty to carry out a certain agenda. I am a professional and whatever I investigate, that is exactly what I will produce," Malaysiakini reported.

He also said he was ordered three years ago to speak to Dr Mahathir Mohamad to mute his criticism of the prime minister, Najib Razak, and had met him on several other occasions since.

Dr Mahathir has led a year-long campaign against Najib because of the 1MDB controversy and wants him to leave office. Last week Abdul Hamid said in a press interview that he would never betray Dr Mahathir, calling him "a loyal servant of Allah who has done so much for this country".

Abdul Hamid, who rose to be deputy director of Special Branch after 37 years, said he had always called for the 1MDB investigation to be conducted transparently and to uncover the truth.

"We will not change the report to say otherwise. We will reveal the truth of the matter, and perhaps they don't like that and want to hear something nice instead. Maybe (I was transferred) also because I always called for the 1MDB probe to be conducted transparently," he was quoted as saying.

He said he was ordered three years ago to persuade Dr Mahathir not to openly attack Najib. "I met Tun (Mahathir) because I was ordered by my boss to get his views. He agreed at first that he would not attack the prime minister openly," he was quoted as saying.

He said "certain powers" were taking efforts to hide main witnesses involved in SRC International, a former 1MDB subsidiary implicated in transactions leading to a deposit of US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) in Najib Razak's private bank account.

Abdul Hamid said one witness was previously in Indonesia and Thailand, and was now in New Zealand. "They are those wanted by the MACC," he was quoted as saying. The MACC has named two executives of SRC International as being sought for questioning as part of the 1MDB investigation.

Abdul Hamid was ordered last week to report to the Prime Minister's Department to be deputy director of security and transnational crime. He has taken leave after handing over duties and has yet to decide whether to take up the new appointment.

The police have denied that there was anything unusual about his transfer.

Earlier this month, two senior anti-corruption officers at MACC were put on sudden transfer (later rescinded) after they had received a delegation of opposition politicians who showed support for MACC against police raids on several officers involved with an investigation into 1MDB.

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