

We're not responsible for leaks, says MACC director after questioning by cops

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Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) director (Special Operations) Datuk Bahri Mohamad Zin today expressed his frustration that police are focussing their attention on the commission for the leak in the investigations into 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

Bahri is the sixth MACC official questioned by police to date under Section 124B of the Penal Code for activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy.

Over the weekend, police detained Attorney-General's Chambers officer Jessica Gurmeet Kaur and former anti-graft agency adviser Tan Sri Rashpal Singh for questioning.

Following that, police spent two hours raiding the office of MACC deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Sazilee Abdul Khairy, taking documents related to the 1MDB probe.

Bahri who has been with MACC for 28 years, was today questioned for three hours by police at the MACC office in Putrajaya.

Earlier today, police also questioned MACC forensics division head Datuk I.G. Chandran and its senior assistant commissioner Tuan Ruslan Tuan Mat.

He said police will not do this "mad" thing if they were not "forced" to.

"They recorded my statement on the draft charge sheet," he told reporters after he was questioned.

Bahri was referring to the alleged draft of the charge sheet against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak which was published by whistleblower site Sarawak Report last week.

Earlier today, MACC senior enforcement officer Hisham Mohd Yusoff had lodged a report at the Putrajaya police station, denying the Sarawak Report article on the alleged draft of the charge sheet.

Bahri said in his "meeting" with police today, they were focussed on tracing the party responsible for the leak of the "secret".

"I am utterly convinced that it was not from us. It might be reproduced. I am disheartened with what happened because we work day and night to find the truth," he said.

Bahri also expressed his surprise with the way they had treated Sazilee who was arrested at 1am by police on Sunday.

Sazilee, who is on secondment to the MACC from the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC), was arrested and had his laptop and documents seized at MACC's Special Operations division in Precinct 3, Putrajaya.

Previously, MACC director of strategic communications Datuk Rohaizad Yaakob had issued a statement saying that Rashpal had no access to the agency's ongoing probe as his tenure as a board member had ended in February.

Rohaizad added that members of the advisory board, which functioned as an independent oversight body, also were not privy to confidential investigation information.

Police had said they will investigate members of the special task force handling the probe into 1MDB, after the Attorney-General's Chambers on July 8 said that information leaks on the matter were a "criminal act of leaking classified documents to foreign nationals". – August 3, 2015.

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