

Police only probing into leaked info on 1MDB, not MACC, says Zahid
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The police are only investigating leaks in the probe on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), the home minister said today, stressing that they were not targeting the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), The Star Online reported.

Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi also said that officers from other agencies would be called in as part of the investigation on leaked information and documents.

Zahid, who is also deputy prime minister said everything was being done according to procedure.

In the report, Zahid added that police were investigating the leakage of documents and information that had been spread on social media.

"The authorities do not want to see information on an ongoing investigation being leaked," Zahid was quoted as saying while stressing that the police were not targeting any agencies or their personnel.

Yesterday, deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Noor Rashid Ibrahim had said that police were not "attacking" MACC, but merely carrying out its duty under the law.

Noor Rashid was commenting on the spate of arrests of MACC officers in the past one week.

He had said not only that MACC is being investigated, but they will also call in Bank Negara Malaysia officials if investigations required them to do so.

"At the moment, our investigation is focused on MACC. There are no hidden hands behind our action. It is our prerogative," Noor Rashid had said.

He had also said the information leak was not only on the draft of the charge sheet against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, but also on the leak of personal banking information, which was against the Banking and Financial Institutions Act 1989.

On August 3, police visited the MACC office in Putrajaya where they questioned Datuk Bahri Mohamad Zin who is the commission's director of special operations.

Two others – MACC forensics division head Datuk I. G. Chandran and its senior assistant commissioner Tuan Ruslan Tuan Mat – were also questioned on the same day.

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

This was followed by the raid at the office of MACC deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Sazilee Abdul Khairy, where police also seized several documents.

Bahri had said then that police will not do this "mad" thing if they were not "forced" to, hinting that there were hidden hands behind the police action.

Police continued their operations on Wednesday, when they called in another three senior MACC officials for questioning.

MACC special operations deputy director Datuk Tan Kang Sai was questioned for more than three hours at the Putrajaya police headquarters.

Tan was summoned for the first time, while the other two officers, whose identities are unknown, were summoned for a second time.

It is believed that all of them are being investigated under Section 124B of the Penal Code for activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy. – August 7, 2015.

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