

MACC officers transferred because of their 'behaviour', says civil service head

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Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ali Hamsa said the abrupt transfers of two Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) was done because of their "behaviour", adding that there was nothing improper about the move.

"It's just how public officers should behave," Ali told reporters today at the a civil servant's Hari Raya gathering at Bangunan Sultan Iskandar in Jalan Simpang Tiga, Kuching.

Ali, however, would not elaborate on what sort of behavior he meant and how it was wrong.

The head of the civil service also said that the transfers had "nothing to do with the investigation", referring to the police's probe into the MACC for alleged leaks of official information on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

The officers who were transferred – MACC special operations division director Datuk Bahri Mohamad Zin and strategic communications director Datuk Rohaizad Yaakob – have since been reinstated following outcry that the move was a form of harassment amid the agency's ongoing probe in a former subsidiary of 1MDB.

They were to have started new postings at the Prime Minister's Department today, but had instead met with Ali, as well as the director-general of the Public Services Department, where they were given the opportunity to explain their positions.

Their transfers followed their public criticism of the police's move to question seven MACC officers in relation to the alleged leak of 1MDB information, which Bahri has denied.

Rohaizad had also received a group of opposition politicians who turned up at the MACC headquarters to show support. – August 10, 2015.

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