

I won't defame Dr Mahathir, says former SB deputy director
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Former Bukit Aman's Special Branch deputy director Datuk Abdul Hamid Bador today has denied he will lodge a police report against former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the controversy surrounding 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

"I have so much respect for him. I will be damned and sent to hell for eternity if I were to defame him. My parents will suffer in their graves if I did this," Hamid told The Malaysian Insider tonight.

This followed a text message being circulated via WhatsApp, claiming he was going to lodge a report against Dr Mahathir.

The message claimed he would lodge the report after Friday prayers tomorrow.

"It's all rubbish. Whoever did this is an idiot. I have so much respect for the man. He is my idol," said Hamid.

He said that the message could have been created to deviate people's attention on the real issue.

"It's tactical diversion," he said.

On whether or not he would be holding a press conference, Hamid was non-committal, saying that it would be decided later.

He also said that he has yet to decide whether or not to accept the new post at the Prime Minister's Department.

Hamid was transferred to the PM's Department after weeks of rumour that he will be transferred out.

"I have until September 17 to decide."

He is supposed to take up a post as deputy director of transnational crime division reporting directly to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Although upset by issues surrounding the transfer, Hamid said he remained committed to the oath he took 37 years ago to protect the country and uphold justice.

Hamid's transfer came after Datuk Seri Akhil Bulat's retirement on August 17.

Akhir was a former Special Branch director. He retired at 62 after his contract ended.

His post was taken over by Datuk Seri Mohamad Fuzi Haron, who was Bukit Aman's Management Department director.

Hamid was not the first top civil servant to be transferred amid the 1MDB controversy.

On August 7, two Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) directors were transferred to the Prime Minister's Department with immediate effect. – August 20, 2015.

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