MACC staff to uphold duty, IGP denies interference

MACC officers in SRC International probe told to uphold principle of collective responsibility in pursuit of justice

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MALAYSIAN Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) deputy chief commissioner (prevention) Datuk Mustafar Ali urged the agency's staff to continue to perform their duties without fear even as the agency was hitting a rough course with the police.

He said MACC officers, especially those involved in the investigation on SRC International Bhd (1MDB) and the1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) and its related companies, were being posed four questions behind these arrests.

"Are we convenient for MACC in eradicating corruption?" he asked in a MACC Facebook posting.

He regarded all MACC officers, especially those investigated in the investigation for SRC Interna- tional probe, as "heroes".

Mustafar is overseeing the role of MACC head following the absence of the agency chief commissioner Tan Sri Abu Kamil Mohamad, who is on a seven-day course.

"I understand they are probing into the same level of officers and that it is somewhat affected the investigation on SRC International and the 1MDB billion fund issue as equipment like laptops and mobile phones were tampered or taken away by the police.

"However, MACC will continue to perform its duties freely in a transparent and professional manner."

"The police are clear on the issue that they are official govern- ment and banking docu- ments which they have tampered or manipulated by certain parties to upset the stability of the coun- try," Khalid said.

"The police will be called for questioning to proceed with the case where official govern- ment documents have been tampered or manipulated without any reason.

"Of course the investigation will be proceed to the AC for further action."

Khalid said such govern- ment agency has its own duty and responsibility in an investiga- tion. So, the police are not on the same level of investigation to have any comment.

"It's not in line with the original purpose, which is to find the truth," he added.

The Gelang Patah MP also said he has no reason to comment on the matter.

"I hope both parties cooper- ate with each other where it's possible," he said.

Low confirmed that the MACC should continue with its probe into the 1MDB.

"Of course the investigation should go on. That's why I hope both parties should coop- erate with each other where it's possible," he added.