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## Isa to be charged over abuse of power during Felda tenure

**PETALING JAYA:** Tan Sri Isa Samad is expected to be charged with abuse of power in connection with the purchase of a hotel in Sarawak at an inflated price during his tenure as Felda chairman.

Sources told *The Straits Times* that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption

Commission (MACC) would be recommending charges to the Attorney General after concluding their investigation into the 2014 purchase of the Merdeka Palace hotel in Kuching.

"There was insufficient evidence (to charge him) due to limited access before, but investigators picked up

where they left off when new proof emerged.

"The MACC will be submitting the completed investigation papers and its recommendations to the Attorney General's Chambers next week. It will then wait for the AGC's order for the next course of action,"

the source said.

Another source was also quoted in the news report as saying that the MACC is looking to charge Isa under Section 23 of the MACC Act for alleged abuse of power.

"Attorney General Tommy Thomas was briefed on the case ...

two days ago," the source added.

Merdeka Palace Hotel and Suites, a five-star hotel, was purchased by Felda subsidiary Felda Investment Corporation for RM160mil when it was said to be worth only RM110mil.

Isa was Felda chairman from 2011 to January 2017.