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Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abd Rahim

"I don't think this has anything to do with Tabung Haji. It is regarding the Baling parliamentary constituency.

"As a former parliamentarian, I will give my full cooperation to assist in any investigation."

Later, Azeez announced his resignation as Tabung Haji chairman, adding that he had done so just days after the 14th General Election.

"I sent my resignation letter to Tabung Haji's legal department. Now it is up to them to pass the letter to the minister.

"The new government doesn't want representatives of the old government, so we have to respect that and put in our resignation letters." Additional reporting by Mohd Hasbi Sidek and Rizanizam Abdul Hamid

Move to facilitate probe into contractor appointments for TH projects

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HE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) yesterday raided three properties linked to Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abd Rahim.

It is learned that the raids were conducted at his homes in Subang Jaya and in Baling, Kedah, as well as his office in Jalan Tun Razak in Kuala Lumpur.

Perlis MACC chief Mohd Shukor Mahmud confirmed the raid in Baling.

He said the raid was conducted by Putrajaya MACC, with Perlis MACC providing assistance.

It is learned that the raids were conducted simultaneously at 12.30pm yesterday.

They were conducted to facilitate an investigation into contractor appointments involving Tabung Haji projects.

"As of midnight, checks at the three premises were still ongoing. MACC also impounded cash at one of the locations.

"The case is being investigated under Section 16 of the MACC Act for receiving bribes, involving granting TH projects to contractors," the source said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Azeez confirmed that MACC had raided his houses and office.

He said MACC had seized RM500,000 and jewellery in the raids, adding that the money was meant for him to hold *buka puasa* functions, as well as Baling Umno divisional meetings.

He believed that the raids were done following a police report lodged against him by a political party supporter, and had nothing to do with Tabung Haji.

"Yes, MACC came to my house and office yesterday. No arrests were made, just regular checks."

He said the raids were done professionally and he gave his full cooperation to the authorities.

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