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'Datuk Seri' in DBKL corruption case suspended

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THE high-ranking Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) officer arrested by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has been suspended temporarily by DBKL pending investigation.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said the officer had been suspended and DBKL would assign another officer to take over the senior officer's duties temporarily.

"I will leave it to MACC and we will follow their advice."

"Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Amin Nordin Abdul Aziz has instructed all officers to submit and declare their latest assets."

Tengku Adnan said that all officers were vetted for their performance and promotions would be given accordingly.

"But what they do apart from that, we will not know," he added.

MACC detained a DBKL executive director, with a "Datuk Seri" title, alongside two other top government officers from Kelantan



(From left) Mohd Zamri Misran, Muhammad Amiruddin Zulkifli, Janudin Taib and Ahmad Amil Husin are all smiles after being selected as recipients of TNB's Baiti Jannati programme that will pay off their housing loan.

and Malacca on Aug 15 for allegedly accepting bribes, misuse of power and being involved in money laundering.

The 54-year-old suspect was remanded for seven days by Magistrate Nik Isfahanie Tasnim Ab Rahman at Putrajaya.

An MACC spokesman had said the suspect was being investigated under Section 17(a) and Section 23 of the MACC Act over suspicion of receiving bribery and abuse of power, as well as Section 4(1)(b) of the Anti Money Laundering Act.

Commenting on the process of giving tenders, Tengku Adnan said sometimes many changes were made that caused people, including the officers, to be unhappy.

"The changes are possibly made to cover the loopholes."

"Sometimes tenders given with a contract are not fulfilled, so we have had to limit the tender process."

"We have reasons behind our actions but I will continue to make sure that we get the best value for the price paid."

"I have also asked all integrity units in the ministry as well as DBKL, Putrajaya Corporation and Labuan Corporation to review assets declared by their staff."

"We have to make sure that corruption does not take root," he said after presenting financial aid to 23 poor families living in People's Housing Projects and Public Housing Units in Kuala Lumpur.

The aid, courtesy of Tenaga Nasional Berhad's Baiti Jannati programme, is to help the families pay their housing loan.