

MACC reopens probe

ILLEGAL SAND MINING:

Commission's panel seeks more evidence against 2 PKR reps

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has reopened its investigation into allegations of illegal sand mining in Selangor involving two Parti Keadilan Rakyat assemblymen.

The commission's Operations Evaluation Panel yesterday directed the Legal and Prosecution Division to "revisit" the case as there were still many unanswered questions.

Panel chairman Tan Sri Dr Hadenan Abdul Jalil said they believed investigators needed to gather more evidence against PKR assemblymen Mat Shuhaimi Shafiei (Sri Muda) and Amirudin Shari (Batu Caves) who were implicated.

Hadenan stressed that earlier reports stating that the case was stamped "No Further Action" by the Attorney-General's Chambers were not true.

The panel ordered that the case be "revisited" after they were briefed by MACC deputy chief commissioner (operations) Datuk Mohd Shukri Abdull and investigations director Datuk Mustafar Ali at a meeting yesterday.

The alleged illegal sand mining was recently brought to light by blogger Raja Petra Kama-

ruddin who claimed that it was no coincidence that the two assemblymen were registered as directors of Double Dignity (M) Sdn Bhd, the company implicated in the sand-mining operations in Dengkil, Sepang.

Raja Petra had alleged that Mat Shuhaimi told a contractor to set up Double Dignity and include both assemblymen as directors.

The contractor then submitted an application to Kumpulan Semesta Sdn Bhd to mine sand in Dengkil. Kumpulan Semesta is a Selangor state-owned company involved in mining and selling sand in Selangor.

A copy of the application was allegedly sent to Mat Shuhaimi and Amirudin who supported the application.

It was learnt that the MACC probe against Mat Shuhaimi and Amirudin began in July 2010.

Also discussed at the MACC meeting at its

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