

# Six more Land and Mines officials under probe

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**KUANTAN:** The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission has called another six Pahang Land and Mines Department officials to help in investigations into corruption involving bauxite mining.

Its investigation director Datuk Azam Baki said the six suspects, aged between 30 and 50, were instructed to be present at the MACC office early yesterday.

"However, they were released after giving their statements and inspections were made at their homes and offices," he said.

Azam said some of them were suspected to be involved in selling mineral ore transfer documents or Form 13D illegally to miners without licence.

The form, which is called a docket by the locals, was issued by the department with a fee of RM1 but MACC investigations revealed that the form is being sold at a price of between RM150 and RM200 each.

To date, MACC had arrested seven people, including a senior officer and three of the department's officials, for suspected involvement in receiving bribes from illegal bauxite mining operators.

Three others, including a woman, were believed to be middlemen in the sales of the form which has to be kept by lorry drivers during transporting of the mineral.

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