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Interior petrol subsidy: MACC report lodged against trade ministry

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Pakatan Harapan (PH) Youth Chief, Raymond Ahuar (pic), lodged a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) against the State Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) here, Friday, claiming discrepancies on the granting and payment of petrol and diesel subsidies in the interior.

Raymond alleged dubious and unreasonable cases that have been detected which were an abuse of power by some individuals within the KPDNHEP.

“Among the cases are a sudden increase in quotas for November claims, log book reports that are proof and delivery references are not disclosed, November quota for one post in Pagalungan is too large at 292,000 litres or 1,460 drums where the modal for the post itself has reached RM413,840, excessive use of diesel in Pagalungan despite the small number of vehicles in the area and payment process to a doubtful contractor.

“As such, today we are here to report and submit relevant documents to investigate and take action against the individuals involved,” he told a press conference held at the MACC Office at the Sabah Federal Government Administrative Complex, here.

Raymond said he has done an investigation on the matter and found out that the subsidies on Petrol and Diesel, especially in Pagalungan and Pensiangan had been terminated on November, which should have

ended on Dec 31.

"I have received complaints from the people in Pensiangan and Pagalungan that the subsidies have been terminated at the end of November. I then conducted an investigation on the matter and found out that it should have ended on December 31.

"There is shortage on oil supply and the price is also expensive. It's a festive season and people in the interior need the subsidies to facilitate their movement. As we all know in Pagalungan and Pensiangan, the boat is the only main transport here to other area," he said.

