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**MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (LAW) YB DATUK LIEW
VUI KEONG'S STATEMENT ON ZAHID TWISTED**

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The office of Law Minister in the Prime Minister's Department denied having said the allegations of Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad before the 14th General Election (GE14) that the President of UMNO, Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had RM230 million of cash assets is false.

Asserting that the De facto Law Minister, Datuk Liew Vui Keong's written reply in Parliament was twisted, his office said Liew was merely explaining that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) will investigate on the allegations 'if there is evidence'.

"I was misquoted with regard to my remarks in Parliament. I did not say the allegation is false," Liew was quoted as saying.

"It's with deepest regret that certain irresponsible parties had twisted my written reply to suit their own agenda," he continued in reference to certain media reports linking his reply to Tun Dr Mahathir's earlier statement before PRU-14.

"The actual written reply can be provided to anyone who wishes to confirm this," his office said in a statement today.

Liew was commenting on certain news portal reports on the matter in question, which highlighted that Zahid had RM230 million of cash assets is false.

He was referring to his written reply earlier to the question posed by Bukit Gelugor Member of Parliament, Ramkarpal Singh on whether the government would investigate the allegations.

Before this, Zahid, who is also the former Deputy Prime Minister was quoted as saying that he is ready to be investigated by the MACC on the allegations that he owned RM230 million of cash in 1996.

Zahid said that he was the UMNO Youth Chief at that time and he did not held any position in the government. He was also a successful businessman in the corporate world.

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