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KUALALUMPUR: Lembaga Tabung Haji (TH) group managing director/chief executive officer Datuk Seri Zukri Samat has assured depositors that their savings are safe.

He said police reports had not impacted its operations.

"It is business as usual for us. Our depositors should trust Tabung Haji will ensure their deposits are secure," he said.

His comments followed recent police reports against TH's former chairman, its former CEOs and senior management staff.

Last Friday, TH lodged reports with the Commercial Crime Investigation Department against its former chairman Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim, former CEOs

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Datuk Seri Zukri Samat

Tan Sri Ismee Ismail and Datuk Seri Johan Abdullah, and four members of senior management.

The senior staff are Datuk Adi Azuan (chief operating officer) and Datuk Rozaida Omar (chief financial officer), Hazlina Mohd Khalid (legal adviser) and Rifina Md Ariff (senior general manager, corporate services and real estate).

The first report involves Yayasan

Tabung Haji's (YTH) 2017 programme, where funds totalling over RM22mil were alleged to have been disbursed for activities with political inclinations. This contravenes the Memorandum and Articles of Association of YTH.

The trustees of YTH during that time were Abdul Azeez, Ismee, Johan, Adi and Rozaida.

YTH was set up in 2016 to undertake, among others, humanitarian aid and to contribute to the poor and the needy. TH has contributed RM7mil to the programme.

The second report against Ismee, Hazlina and Rifina relates to misrepresentations and withholding of material information involving TH's 2012 sale of 95% shareholdings in

PT TH Indo Plantations held by its two subsidiaries, namely TH Indopalms Sdn Bhd and TH Indo Industries Sdn Bhd, to PT Borneo Pacific (PT Borneo) for US\$910mil.

PT TH Indo Plantations owns a total of 83,000ha of oil palm estates in Indonesia. The reports lodged last Friday were the first following internal investigations into past transactions, spearheaded by the new management, since July.

On Saturday, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa issued a statement reiterating that the government would not compromise on action against anyone involved in the embezzlement of TH depositors' money. — Bernama