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KUALA LUMPUR: Statistics Department chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said allegations that the Central Database Hub (Padu) had been hacked were false.

"*Alhamdulillah* (thank God), we have released a statement denying this (Padu being hacked)," he said yesterday.

The department, which is also an agency under the Economy Ministry, issued a statement on the matter via social media on Feb 19.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli was reported as reprimanding online forum Lowyat.net for spreading false information, claiming that Padu had been hacked.

Lowyat.net reported on Monday that Padu and the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN) had been hacked by a group known



Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin (left) and Rafizi Ramli

as ROOTKIT.

According to the online forum, the hackers claimed to have stolen data from Padu and breached LPPKN's security infrastructure and stole more than 27GB worth of data from its servers.

Lowyat.net later clarified that the alleged hack by ROOTKIT on Padu referred to LPPKN's Management and Service Delivery Unit.