

Official asks for probe of Control Yuan members

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A former Yilan County official yesterday asked prosecutors to investigate three Control Yuan members who allegedly covered up for officials involved in the Yuanta I Pin Building (遠東大樓) case.

Lin Chin-kun (林欽坤), a former Yilan County Yuanshan Village (源泉村) representative, mailed a request to the Supreme Prosecutor's Office Special Investigation Panel (SIP) requesting an investigation into whether Control Yuan members Ma Yi-kung (馬宜君), Chen Yung-hsiang (陳永祥) and Lin Chu-liang (林楚良) handled the case inappropriately.

The three Control Yuan members were in charge of the recently launched investigation into whether the I Pin apartment complex, located in Taipei City's Boai Special District (北安區), might pose security problems because the 23-floor building provides a clear view of the nearby presidential residence.

The building is located at the intersection of Aiguo W Road and Boai Road, where the Presidential Office and the president's residence are situated. It will have 23 floors above ground and five basement floors.

On Jan. 6, the Control Yuan censured the Taipei City Government for granting permission for the construction of a 23-story building near the president's residence. Permission was given in 2006 during President Ma Ying-jeou's (馬英九) term as Taipei mayor.

Lin said the decision to grant Yuanta the permission to construct the building involved more than merely administrative negligence, as the Control Yuan had criticized the Taipei City Government of doing, but also that officials had behaved inappropriately.

Lin said the Control Yuan members should have opened an impeachment case instead of only censuring the city government.

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