

Olmert questioned for 16th time in probe

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JERUSALEM - Investigators questioned Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert Friday about accusations he received an illegal discount on some Jerusalem real estate.

It was the 16th question-and-answer session Olmert had with detectives from the National Fraud Investigation Unit who are looking into corruption charges, Ynetnews reports.

Recently, the probe has focused on appointments Olmert made to the Small Business Authority during his tenure as Industry, Trade and Labor minister.

He is also accused of double- and triple-billing trips abroad sponsored by Jewish institutions and either pocketing the difference or financing trips for relatives.

The prime minister faces a host of possible charges including fraud, breach of trust, falsifying corporate records, failure to report income and receiving illegal benefits.

Prosecutors have closed the Bank Leumi case against Olmert that centered on charges he used his influence to help an Australian businessman.

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