

Asian Civilisations Museum checks items from disgraced art dealer

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Singapore's Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) is checking the origins of precious artworks in the national collection bought from disgraced art dealer Subhash Kapoor.

The Indian-born United States- based dealer is accused of smuggling more than US\$100 million (S\$126 million) in antiquities from India into the US, where he ran a now-defunct gallery in New York called Art of the Past.

The museum told The Sunday Times that if any of the items it acquired from him are found to be stolen or looted, it will begin the process of returning them.

It declined to say how many items were bought from Kapoor or how much in total was paid for them. So far, there have been no claims made for any of its artefacts.