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CHIA ARRESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEGAL PROCESS, SAYS NAJIB

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said that the arrest of former Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd managing director Eric Chia Eng Hock today was in accordance with the legal process of the country.

Najib said that all parties should allow the case to be decided by the court.

"Allow whatever process to be dealt with under the law...whether guilty or not, it will eventually be decided by the court. Let us wait," he told reporters when asked to comment on Chia's arrest.

He later attended a dinner hosted in honour of former Prime Minister

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad organised by the Defence Ministry here.

Chia, 71, was picked up by Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) officers at his home in Petaling Jaya at 3.45 pm following years of investigations into losses worth billions by the steel mill and will be charged in the Sessions Court here tomorrow.

The announcement of his arrest was made in a joint two-paragraph statement by the Attorney-General's Chambers and the ACA.

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