

**'It's not safe here,' MACC officer tells media at KLIA**

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Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Deputy Chief Commissioner (Operations) Shukri Abdull has returned to Malaysia after attending a course overseas.

Met at the KL International Airport (KLIA) upon his return from the United States tonight, Shukri had little to say to the reporters waiting for him, except to repeatedly thank them.

"Thank you. Thank you. Later I will see you. It is not safe here. Let me settle first," he said, as reporters chased him and pressed for his response to the transfer of two of his officers on Friday last week.

As he spoke to the media personnel, Shukri was whisked away to a car waiting outside the terminal building by about 10 bodyguards.

Also seen at the airport earlier were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Paul Low and MACC Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention) Mustafar Ali.

Shukri arrived at KLIA about 9.40pm, after a 10-day official visit to the US.

He then spent about 15 minutes in the VIP lounge, with Low and Mustafar, before leaving the airport.

Shukri is currently in charge of the MACC, as its Chief Commissioner Abu Kassim Mohamed is on sick leave.

The period while he was abroad was a tumultuous one for the MACC, as its officers who investigating former 1MDB subsidiary SRC International Sdn Bhd and allegations of funds being transferred into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's accounts were hauled up by the police.

The MACC officers were investigated under Section 124B of the Penal Code for "activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy" over the purported leak of investigation details.

Subsequently, two MACC officers - special operations division chief Bahri Mohamad Zin, who was leading the investigation, and strategic communications director Rohaizad Yaakob - were transferred to the Prime Minister's Department.

Shukri had previously protested the transfer and demanded that Bahri and Rohaizad be returned to MACC, asking for himself to be taken instead because they were only acting on his instructions.

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