

Umno man takes 1MDB fight on to France, UK

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Sacked Umno leader Khairuddin Abu Hassan is on a campaign to get international investigators on board to probe the controversy-plagued Malaysian state-owned fund.

After announcing that he has handed over evidence on 1MDB to Switzerland's Office of the Attorney General (OAG) on Thursday, the former Batu Kawan Umno vice chief today revealed he has also lodged police reports against 1MDB in France and UK.

This is amid the probe into 1MDB in Malaysia being stalled by Putrajaya, with local investigators also having been harassed and arrested by police.

The Swiss OAG today announced that it has commenced criminal investigations into two of 1MDB's entities and an unnamed individual.

Khairuddin said on Facebook yesterday from Switzerland he proceeded to France, where he lodged a police report at the Lyon police headquarters.

"Police in Lyon have informed me through email that they have submitted a report and my statement to the magistrate there," he said.

He added the investigation papers have been submitted to the 'Financial Parquet de Paris', which is France's commercial crimes department.

Khairuddin said he lodged the police report after being advised to do so by Interpol in France.

He was accompanied by lawyer Matthias Chang, who was a former aide to ex-premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Penang Umno grassroots leader was sacked from his Umno post in February for criticising Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak over the 1MDB scandal and lodging a police report against the debt-ridden fund.

Next stop London, UK

Khairuddin said after France, he went on to lodged a money laundering report with the UK police.

In a separate Facebook posting, Khairuddin said the report was lodged yesterday at Charing Cross police station in London.

He said the police report was directed at 1MDB and PetroSaudi International, which is based in the UK, and has left it for the Proactive Money Laundering Investigative Team to

probe.

"The London Metropolitan police have contacted my lawyer Chang and promised to give full cooperation and conduct a comprehensive investigation into the cross-border money laundering activities," he said.

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