

## **AG: I need time to study reports on SRC, RM2.6b donation**

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Attorney-general Mohamed Apandi Ali said today he needs time to look into two investigation papers on former 1MDB subsidiary, SRC International Sdn Bhd and another on the RM2.6 billion political donation received by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

The two reports were submitted by the MACC late last year.

"I need time," Apandi told Malaysiakini, curtly, when contacted.

Asked if the Attorney-General's Chambers would be able to make a decision on the investigation paper on Najib's donation, which the MACC said was 'incomplete', he just repeated his answer.

"I have said that I need time."

Apandi refused to respond to a question on whether the AG's Chambers would set any deadline for a finding to be made.

In his telephone interview with Malaysiakini on Tuesday, Apandi said he was a man of the law and would only look at the case from the legal aspects and would then act without fear or favour.

Previously, the AG's Chambers took about one month to arrive at a finding on the investigation paper submitted by Bank Negara Malaysia in relation to 1MDB funds.

In the paper dated Sept 11, 2015, the central bank had recommended that the AG's Chambers take appropriate enforcement action but the chambers instead returned the investigation paper to Bank Negara.

In another letter dated Oct 1, the central bank called on the AG's Chambers to review its decision not to take action against 1MDB.

However, on Oct 8, Apandi announced at a press conference that his office had cleared 1MDB of any wrongdoing.

### **Personal bank accounts**

As to Najib's RM2.6 billion political donation issue, MACC deputy commissioner (operations) Shukri Abdul said on Dec 31 that the commission's probe on this was still incomplete.

"The MACC still needs to complete investigations regarding documents and statements

involving several overseas financial institutions.

"These documents and statements can only be taken through mutual legal assistance (MLA) as this is tied to the banking laws of the countries involved," Shukri had said.

He said the MACC has already filed a request with the AG to get the MLA.

The RM2.6 billion issue first emerged in July last year when The Wall Street Journal reported that the money was channelled into Najib's personal bank accounts.

Also finding its way into Najib's accounts, the report claimed, was RM42 million that supposedly originated from SRC International.

Najib has denied any wrongdoing in relation to these funds.

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