

MACC zeroes in on 20 individuals still holding 1MDB-linked assets abroad

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MACC has identified 20 individuals, including two aides to a former prime minister, as having assets abroad linked to 1MDB.

A source told Utusan Malaysia that the assets are in the form of properties, cash, shares, paintings, and jewellery.

"The assets are part of the 30 percent of the remaining 1MDB-linked funds that the MACC is trying to recover.

"The assets are spread across several countries, including Hong Kong, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Singapore, the United States, Kuwait, Germany, Mauritius, and several other offshore locations," the source said.

Disgraced former Goldman Sachs banker Tim Leissner named the 20 individuals, the source added.

"The MACC is working on efforts to recover the said assets by working with the

law enforcement agencies of the respective countries."

US\$10m returned

Last week, it was reported that Rohana Rozhan, Leissner's former girlfriend, has returned US\$10 million (RM44.3 million) 1MDB-linked cash and assets to the anti-graft agency.

The former Astro Malaysia Holdings Bhd group chief executive officer reportedly surrendered the cash and assets to the government last year after the MACC wrapped up investigations into the case.

Leissner reportedly spent US\$10 million on a house in London for Rohana after the latter got upset that he was ending their 10-year relationship to marry US model Kimora Lee Simmons in 2013.

He testified that he bought the house because Rohana threatened to expose his involvement in the 1MDB affair.

Earlier this month, MACC chief commissioner Azam Baki said that more than 70 percent of 1MDB's assets and funds, equivalent to about RM28.93 billion, have successfully been recovered so far.

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