

Nik Aziz, Wee Ka Siong cleared by MACC
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has cleared Kelantan Menteri Besar Nik Aziz Nik Mat of any wrongdoing over two graft allegations.

The two involved Nik Aziz' haj pilgrimage trip which was sponsored by a local businessman and the appointment of his son-in-law Abdul Ariffahmi Abdul Rahmans as chief executive for Perbadanan Menteri Besar Kelantan (PMBK).

NONE On the haj offer, MACC's Operation Review Panel chairperson Hadenan Abdul Jalil said Nik Aziz had not "asked" (meminta) the company to pay for the haj trip costing RM65,000.

"Furthermore, Nik Aziz also did not go for the trip," Hadenan said.

However, the seven-member panel headed by former auditor-general Hadenan (left) noted there are weaknesses in procedures which must be rectified.

The operations panel is tasked to review cases of corruption or abuse of power which had been investigated by MACC but classified as 'no further action' needed.

The panel also cleared Deputy Education Minister Wee Ka Siong over allegations of conflict of interests in holding a post in an architectural firm related to the Port Klang Free Trade Zone project.

New evidence in probe on Tajudin

Hadenan also denied claims that MACC was not taking action on former Malaysia Airlines (MAS) chief Tajudin Ramli.

According to him, the investigations are still on-going, particularly after new evidence has emerged over the matter.

"Allegations that the MACC is not investigating is baseless as there is new evidence which has emerged and the MACC is looking into it," he said.

Asked as to whether the new evidence was concerning what was reported in the blogs, Hadenan stressed the matter is still being investigated.

Asked whether the attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail is also being investigated for not wanting to institute action against Tajudin, Hadenan decline to comment.

Tajudin is being probed over the purchase of MasKargo facility in Dusseldorf, Germany, which resulted in huge losses to the national carrier.

MACC, had initiated investigations on Tajudin since 2002, and Malaysia Today blog operated by blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin has alleged that the matter was put on cold storage on orders from Abdul Gani.

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