

AG Comes Clean with MACC
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KUALA LUMPUR, -- Attorney-General Tan Sri Gani Patail in a dialogue with the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) explained details with regard to his Haj pilgrimage in Mecca with his family

The MACC in a statement today said he also explained allegations and accusations that appeared in blogs, linking him with the MASKargo issue.

The statement added that during the dialogue attended by 30 of the 42 Board members and MACC panel and MACC chief Datuk Seri Abu Kassim Mohammed, Gani had also briefed of the feedback and progress of current 'hot' cases.

Malaysian online news portals and bloggers have been playing pictures of Abdul Gani seen together with Shahidan Shafie, who was said to be close to former Malaysia Airlines chairman Tan Sri Tajuddin Ramli in the recent haj pilgrimage in Mecca.

They claimed that Shahidan had convinced Abdul Gani not to press charges against Tajuddin, who was chairman of MAS from 1994 to 2001, over the national carrier's losses which ran into billions.

MAS was reported to have filed several reports against Tajuddin with the MACC, citing Tajuddin's move to relocate MAS' cargo operations in Amsterdam and Frankfurt to a single hub in Hahn, Germany, as the single biggest loss suffered under him.

The new hub operation reportedly incurred monthly losses of between RM10 million to RM16 million before it was terminated and the government took over control of MAS in 2001.

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