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MACC wants PM to shed light on donations

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PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) will ask Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to shed light on the donation he is said to have received from the Middle-East.

In a statement yesterday, the MACC maintained that the RM2.6bil was not from 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) but had come from a donor in the Middle East.

"There are many parties who are unclear after our Aug 3 statement.

"Following this, we discussed with the Attorney-General who asked that we clear the air over the donation," the commission said.

It added that MACC had tracked down and taken statements from the donor.

"We identified the donor from bank documents and letters sent to the Prime Minister when large sums were deposited into his account. We spoke to the donor who has also confirmed that it was a donation," it said.

The MACC added that the investigation into 1MDB's former subsidiary SRC International was still ongoing.

"There are two issues being investigated, the RM2.6bil in the Prime Minister's account and the RM4bil involving SRC.

"The investigations into the

RM4bil are still ongoing and that we would like to stress that we did not say the investigation is closed, only that the RM2.6bil is not from 1MDB," it said.

The commission also clarified the reason behind releasing the Aug 3 statement without involving the police or Bank Negara, who are members of a special task force with MACC.

"We did not make the announcement through the task force after the Attorney-General advised us that there was no need for a task force.

"All the agencies can continue to work on the issue based on the rele-

vant laws," it said.

On Aug 3, the MACC stated that the RM2.6bil deposited into Najib's account had come from a donation and not from 1MDB.

The commission added that MACC's investigations only focused on issues related to 1MDB's former subsidiary SRC International and RM2.6bil in Najib's personal account.

It said the police were carrying out investigations related to 1MDB while Bank Negara focused on probing financial procedures.

The MACC also urged the public to refrain from speculating until investigations are completed.