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MACC records his statement over alleged tampering of 1MDB final audit report

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FORMER prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak spent almost four hours at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) headquarters yesterday to have his statement recorded over allegations that the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) final audit report was tampered with.

He arrived at the building at 10.30am and was seen leaving at 2.30pm.

On Wednesday, former MACC chief Tan Sri Dzulkifli Ahmad had his statement recorded regarding the case.

Former auditor general Tan Sri Ambrin Buang was quizzed for almost eight hours over the case

at the MACC headquarters on the same day.

Sources told the New Straits Times Press that MACC was in the process of recording statements from those involved in the 1MDB final audit report.

They were called up over the past week.

They included former chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, former 1MDB chief executive officer Arul Kanda Kandasamy, Dzulkifli and officers from the Finance Ministry and National Audit Department.

On Nov 25, Auditor General Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad revealed that Najib had allegedly instructed the 1MDB final audit report to be amended by taking out several paragraphs.

Among the paragraphs taken out was the one which mentioned the presence of wanted businessman Low Taek Jho, or Jho Low, in the 1MDB board of directors meeting.

Madinah claimed that the other individuals involved in the case included Najib's then private secretary, Tan Sri Shukry Salleh, Ali Hamsa, Ambrin and Arul Kanda.

The Public Accounts Commit-

tee (PAC) has wrapped up its proceedings for this year on claims that the 1MDB final audit report was tampered with.

The probe is expected to continue next month.

The final proceedings ended yesterday after the National Audit Department's former audit performance director Saadatul Nafisah Bashir Ahmad appeared before PAC to testify on claims that the 1MDB final report omitted certain information.

PAC deputy chairman Wong Kah Woh said Saadatul shared information that would assist PAC in drawing up its findings.

"We asked her about how the amendments came to be made and the circumstances surrounding the events so that we are aware of the facts in concluding the probe.

"The witnesses gave statements that will help in making our conclusion."

Wong said PAC would look at suitable dates to call up other witnesses.

PAC began its probe into the alleged tampering of the 1MDB audit report on Tuesday by calling Ambrin as the first witness.