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# NAJIB ARRESTED OVER AUDIT REPORT

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Ex-PM released hours after giving his statement about the alleged changes to 1MDB's final audit report

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**F**ORMER prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak was arrested by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on suspicion of being involved in tampering with the Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) final audit report.

Sources told NSTP that Najib was detained under Section 23(1) of the MACC Act 2009, which covers the offence of abusing

power for gratification.

It is understood that Najib was arrested at 10.51am and later freed on MACC bail at 1.21pm.

He arrived at the MACC headquarters here at 10.42am to give his statement for the second time regarding the 1MDB audit report. He left around 1.40pm.

He first met MACC regarding the issue on Dec 6, where he spent four hours providing his statement.

Online portals claimed that Najib is expected to be taken to court tomorrow to face charges related to the alleged tampering.

On Nov 25, Auditor General Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad had claimed that the final audit report on 1MDB had been altered with Najib's knowledge.

She said two crucial matters dropped from the report were the presence of wanted businessman Low Taek Jho, or Jho Low, at a 1MDB board meeting, as well as the financial status of 1MDB.

On the same day, MACC was reported as saying that it would start an investigation into the alleged report-tampering and would call several witnesses to assist the probe.

Among those who have been called are former auditor general Tan Sri Ambrin Buang and former MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Dzulkifli Ahmad.