

Company Director Remanded To Assist Probe Into 1MDB Accounts
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PUTRAJAYA, July 21 (Bernama) -- A director of a construction company has been arrested in connection with the investigation into the accounts of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission said the 39-year-old man is being remanded for four days from today.

The remand order was issued by Magistrate Lau Eric, the MACC said in a statement.

It said the man was arrested in relation to the special task force investigation of 1MDB.

The statement said the man, who was arrested at the KL International Airport last night, would be investigated under the MACC Act 2009.

It is learnt that the man was stopped by immigration officers as he was about to leave the country, and handed over to the MACC. He was arrested by the MACC at its headquarters at 1pm yesterday.

The suspect in orange-coloured MACC lockup attire arrived at the court at about 8.30am.

His lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah told reporters here that the MACC had asked for a seven-day remand order but the magistrate gave four days.

He said he did not know the grounds for his client's arrest but was told it was on "investigation on national ground".

Shafee said his client was remanded under Section 17 (a) of the MACC Act, which concerns the accepting or attempt to obtain gratification as an inducement or reward.

When contacted later, he said his client was stopped while going through immigration at the airport on his way to Taiwan for a business trip.

He said his client's arrest had nothing to do with 1MDB.

"Even before the magistrate, the prosecution did not disclose the grounds of arrest despite repeated requests by me. They mentioned Section 17 (a). No factual context was given," he said.

"This man is one of the directors of Putrajaya Perdana which has no relationship with 1MDB," Shafee said.

Responding to the development, 1MDB said that none of its employees is under remand.

"1MDB reiterates our commitment to fully cooperate with all lawful authorities that are currently investigating 1MDB," it said in a statement.

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