

Third Individual Held Over Probe Into 1MDB Accounts

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PUTRAJAYA, July 24 (Bernama) -- The sole owner of a trading company is the third individual to have been remanded to assist in the investigation into the accounts of 1Malaysia Development Bhd.

The four-day remand order against the 28-year-old man was issued by Magistrate Nik Isfahanie Tasnim Wan Ab Rahim at the Magistrate's Court here today.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) said the remand order was issued to facilitate investigation under Section 16(a) of the MACC Act 2009 pertaining to soliciting for or accepting a bribe.

It is learnt that the man was arrested at the MACC office at 10.45 pm yesterday when he came there to give a statement.

Earlier, Nik Isfahanie released a 39-year-old director of a construction company who was the first individual to have been remanded over the probe into the 1MDB accounts.

The man was released on a RM100,000 MACC bail after having been remanded for four days, with RM20,000 of the bail amount in cash and the remaining RM80,000 as oral assurance by two sureties.

MACC said the man had been remanded to assist in the investigation while his lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah said the MACC had yet to give a detailed explanation for the remand of his client.

Muhammad Shafee had told reporters previously that his client was arrested while going through immigration at the KL International Airport when heading to Taiwan on business.

Last Wednesday, a managing director with the title of 'Datuk' became the second man to have been remanded over the probe into the 1MDB accounts.

The 54-year-old man was remanded for five days from Wednesday to help in the investigation under Section 17(a) of the MACC Act 2009 for accepting or attempting to secure a bribe.

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