

**1MDB ready to assist Swiss, subject to advice from Malaysian authorities**  
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Malaysia's troubled state investment fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) today said it is ready to assist the Swiss authorities in its investigation of the company.

Saying that although the company remains committed to cooperate, assistance in any investigation depended on further advice from the Malaysian authorities.

"We refer to media reports that Switzerland's Office of the Attorney-General has opened an investigation relating to 1MDB.

"1MDB has not been contacted by any Swiss authorities, but is ready to assist in any investigation if approached, subject to advice from the appropriate Malaysian authorities.

"We remain committed to fully cooperate with all lawful authorities that are currently investigating 1MDB." it said in a statement today.

It was reported on Friday that Switzerland's Office of the Attorney-General (OAG) has opened criminal proceedings relating to 1MDB.

"The Office of the Attorney-General confirms that, on August 14 2015, it opened a criminal procedure against two entities of 1MDB, as well as against an unknown person," the OAG spokesman reportedly said in an email.

The case involved "suspected corruption of public foreign officials, dishonest management of public interests and money laundering", he said, in the Reuters report.

The criminal proceedings follow two communications from the Money Laundering Reporting Office Switzerland (MROS), the spokesman added.

Reuters added that news of the investigation was first reported by Swiss newspaper Le Temps.

Swiss financial regulator Finma said on Wednesday it was checking with some of the country's banks whether they carried out business with 1MDB.

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