

After lodging reports on 1MDB, duo barred from leaving Malaysia
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Former Umno leader Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan has been barred from leaving Malaysia, after lodging police reports against troubled 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) in several different countries.

Khairuddin told The Malaysian Insider that the police had directed the Immigration Department to prevent him from leaving Malaysia.

"That's right, I've been barred from leaving the country by the Immigration Department on the orders of Bukit Aman," the former Batu Kawan Umno division vice-head said through Whatsapp.

Khairuddin said he had planned to leave for New York and London this morning and had already paid for his trip in advance.

"The Immigration Department and the police did not notify me of this at all!

"All the preparations, buying plane tickets and the accommodation in New York and London, have gone to waste because now I'm not allowed to leave the country without reasonable grounds," he wrote in a separate statement.

Khairuddin said his lawyer, Matthias Chang, a former aide to Tun Dr Mahahir Mohamad, faced similar travel restrictions.

He said Bukit Aman merely informed the Immigration Department that he was barred for "specific reasons".

"The Bukit Aman police only informed the Immigration Department that the restriction was imposed on me for specific reasons."

Khairuddin, who was sacked from Umno earlier this year for being a bankrupt, lodged reports with Hong Kong, British, and French police over 1MDB in July and August.

He also submitted evidence related to 1MDB to the Swiss attorney-general in Bern, Switzerland, asking the country's authorities to investigate the company's activities involving both Swiss and several international banks.

In their response, Malaysian government officials accused Khairuddin of lodging "false and politically motivated police reports" and that he was pushing the same agenda as Dr Mahathir, who has been insistent in his calls for Najib to step down.

Najib has been under pressure to resign ever since an expose by The Wall Street Journal published on July 2 which revealed that US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) was moved among government agencies, banks and entities linked to 1MDB before finally

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