

## **Anti-graft chief wants to meet new 1MDB task force**

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Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission chief commissioner Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed said he wants to meet the heads of a new task force investigating debt-ridden state fund 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

Kassim, who resumes work tomorrow after two months of medical leave, said he was referring to the task force set up by new Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali, who took office at the end of July.

"I would want to meet the heads of the special task force," Kassim told reporters at the MACC Academy in Kuala Lumpur today.

Kassim, who is to work half days until he recovers, had gone on medical leave as MACC investigators came under police scrutiny for allegedly leaking information on the probe into 1MDB.

Suspicion fell on MACC officers after The Wall Street Journal, citing information from government investigators, reported in July that RM2.6 billion had been transferred into Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal bank accounts.

The special operations unit of the MACC was raided and several of its investigators detained for questioning.

Two MACC officers were also transferred but reinstated after an outcry.

Kassim, as MACC chief, had been part of the original special task force probing 1MDB which was disbanded after Apandi took over as A-G.

Apandi in August revived the National Revenue Recovery Enforcement Team (NRRET) to probe into a range of financial crimes, including tax evasion and money-laundering, but not specific to 1MDB.

But the MACC was not included in the NRRET, which according to Apandi's statement announcing its revival, only comprised the Attorney-General's Chambers, Bank Negara, police, Customs Department and Inland Revenue Board. – October 12, 2015.

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