

1MDB under police probe, clarifies MACC
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) today said that while the agency itself was not investigating 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), this did not mean that the state investment firm was not under any probe at all.

A statement this afternoon by MACC strategic communications director Datuk Rohaizad Yaakob reiterated that the government-owned firm was being investigated by the police instead.

The anti-graft agency was responding to 1MDB's statement today in which it said it was no longer under investigation, following an explanation by the Attorney-General's Chambers on why it was cleared of wrongdoing in relation to making inaccurate disclosures to secure permissions for overseas investments.

Referring to its September 22 press release, Rohaizad said the MACC had never said 1MDB was not under any investigation.

He said the statement clearly stated that MACC is not probing the state-owned investment vehicle, which had chalked up RM42 billion debts since it started operations in 2009.

"In the statement, MACC had said the 1MDB issue is fully investigated by the police and as such, any queries should be referred to the police. This is clear following the statement by the Inspector-General of Police yesterday.

"This had also been explained especially through another MACC press statement dated August 5, 2015.

"As such, MACC hopes there are no parties who make statements as though MACC had cleared the relevant parties in the 1MDB issue," he added.

Continuing its verbal war with DAP's Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua, 1MDB said the Attorney-General's Chambers had already cleared them of any wrongdoing after looking through investigation papers from Bank Negara Malaysia.

"This confirmation by the AGC reinforces the statement by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on September 22, 2015 that 1MDB is not under investigation," it said.

The AGC yesterday explained its decision to clear 1MDB of making inaccurate declarations related to overseas investments, saying that Bank Negara had not sought enough information from the firm to show that it had broken the law. –
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