

MACC to Refer A-G's Decision on SRC, RM2.6-billion Donation Cases to Independent Panels

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PUTRAJAYA, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has decided to refer to two panels the decision of Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali to close its investigation into three cases relating to SRC International Sdn Bhd and an alleged RM2.6-billion donation to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The MACC said in a statement Wednesday said that its top management decided to refer the matter to the Operations Evaluation Panel (PPO) and a special panel to be appointed, for evaluation and consideration.

The PPO is an independent body set up by the government to monitor the performance of the MACC in accordance with the MACC Act 2009.

The panel is chaired by Tan Sri Dr Hamid Bugo and comprises as members Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Datuk Zamani Abdul Ghani, Datuk Azizah Arshad, Datuk Wan Abdul Wahab Abdullah, Prof Dr Normah Omar, Dr P. Sundramoorthy and Lim Chee Wee.

One of the terms of reference of the panel is to give its opinion on cases that the Public Prosecutor decides not to pursue, the MACC said.

Mohamed Apandi yesterday cleared Najib of any criminal wrongdoing in the three cases and instructed the MACC to close the files.

Meanwhile, MACC strategic communications director Datuk Rohaizad Yaakob, in a separate statement, said the MACC decision to refer the matter to the PPO was a procedure provided for in the management of cases prior to closure.

As such, the matter of referring these cases to the PPO was a normal process and should not be misinterpreted as an action rejecting the decision of the Attorney-General, he said.

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