

## **AG: MACC probe into SRC funds to PM ending within a month**

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**Attorney-General Mohamed Apandi Ali says none of the files, including those on 1MDB, have been closed, as 'NFA' only means no further action for the material time.**

PETALING JAYA: Attorney-General Mohamed Apandi Ali says the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is expected to wrap up investigations into the money flow from SRC International to the prime minister's accounts within a month.

"I would say within a month, or maybe earlier," he said.

He was commenting on media reports that SRC International had transferred RM42 million into Najib Razak's bank accounts via its subsidiaries between December 2014 and February 2015.

Apandi said the probe is ongoing, adding that he has not ordered for any investigations to be stopped.

"I don't know what the result of the investigation is, but my directive is to wrap up the investigation. I will give further direction," he said.

He was speaking to reporters here after launching the 17th Asean Senior Law Officials Meeting (Aslom) which runs from May 14 to 17. Aslom is a meeting between the 10 member states of Asean to exchange legal materials, judicial cooperation, legal education and research.

Apandi added that none of the files, including those on 1MDB, had been closed.

"The files are never closed. (They) can be under NFA, which means there is no further action at the material time. If there is any new evidence, we can reopen the investigations."

Previous reports quoted Apandi as stating that the SRC International case was being handled by MACC.

During a press conference in January last year, he had said there were no more investigations on the RM2.6 billion reportedly channelled into the prime minister's personal accounts.

Apandi had also said he was satisfied with the investigations on the money transferred into Najib's accounts, which he said was a personal donation from a member of the Saudi royal family.

The AG added that Najib had returned US\$620 million from the US\$681 million donation to the Saudis, saying there was no evidence to show the donation was a form of gratification given corruptly.

In a separate matter today, Apandi was also asked for updates on the Pulau Batu Puteh or Pedra Branca dispute.

He said Singapore's Attorney-General's Chambers is expected to reply to Malaysia's application for a revision of the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) judgment on the matter by June 14.

He added that Malaysia would wait for its reply on the matter before responding on the dispute.

"(The case) is going well. At present, there are still five (Malaysian) researchers in London who are working tirelessly non-stop every day.

"They are still not done because they are going through thousands of documents at the archives," he said.

On Feb 3, Malaysia applied for a revision of the ICJ ruling on the sovereignty of Pulau Batu Puteh after new facts were found in three documents discovered in the UK's National Archives.

The ICJ had said the documents included an internal correspondence of the Singapore colonial authorities in 1958, an incident report filed in 1958 by a British naval officer and an annotated map of naval operations from the 1960s.

The documents were discovered in the National Archives between Aug 4, 2016 and Jan 30, 2017, it said.

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