

Witness never saw RM2 million receipt before trial

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- A witness told the High Court here today that he had never seen the receipt allegedly issued by Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor for the RM2 million payment made by Aset Kayamas Sdn Bhd managing director Tan Sri Chai Kin Kong before the start of the corruption trial involving the former Federal Territories Minister.



Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Enforcement Officer Muhamad Saad Bordani, 37, said he only saw the copy of the receipt when the document was produced in court.

“I only saw the copy of the receipt when Tan Sri Chai Kin Kong showed it during the trial,” he said in reply to an additional question by deputy public prosecutor Hadariah Siri on the 11th day of the RM2 million corruption trial.

The 23rd prosecution witness also said he received an instruction from deputy public prosecutor Julia Ibrahim to look for the official receipt book after Chai produced it during the trial.

During his investigations, Muhamad Saad said he also received a receipt book from UMNO office.

Hadariah: Who did you receive it from

Muhamad Saad: I received it from Nik Faiez (MACC assistant enforcement officer Nik Muhamad Faiez Idris).

Hadariah: How did Nik Faiez hand over the receipt book to you

Muhamad Saad: I received it directly from him after I instructed him to conduct checks at Umno Office (UMNO headquarters at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC)).

Muhamad Saad said after receiving the UMNO official receipt book from Nik Faiez, he examined the book but found no duplicate copy of the payment receipt in it.

“I checked and found no duplicate copy for the receipt number 376241 (the RM2 million payment receipt) in the official UMNO receipt book.

Chai, who testified as the 19th prosecution witness, took the witness stand on July 17 and produced the receipt from his wallet which he had allegedly received from UMNO.

Tengku Adnan was charged in his capacity as a public servant, namely, Federal Territories Minister, to have accepted for himself RM2 million from Chai via a Hong Leong Islamic Bank cheque belonging to Aset Kayamas Sdn Bhd which was deposited into the CIMB Bank account of Tadmansori Holding Sdn Bhd in which he had an interest, when it was known that Aset Kayamas had connection with his official duties.

The offence was allegedly committed at CIMB Bank Berhad, Pusat Bandar Damansara Branch here on June 14, 2016.

The charge was framed under Section 165 of the Penal Code, which provides for a jail term of up to two years or fine or both, on conviction.

The trial before Judge Mohamed Zaini Mazlan continues tomorrow.

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