

MACC chief Latheefa Koya confirms resignation

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Latheefa Koya has confirmed she has tendered her resignation.

Her letter of resignation was submitted to prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin last Monday subject to the approval of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

“It was my own decision to do so. Speculation that pressure was brought upon me is baseless.

“My intention is to return to my practice as a human rights advocate,” she said in a statement today.

Latheefa added she met the prime minister yesterday and explained her decision to resign.

“We had a very cordial discussion and he understands my position.

“I also briefed the prime minister about our ongoing actions and efforts for the recovery of the stolen 1MDB monies from abroad. He was fully supportive of these actions.

“I also took the opportunity to wish him and the new government every success in advancing the welfare and best interests of the people,” she said.

Latheefa, who was appointed on June 1 last year added: “Throughout this week, I have met with and briefed my deputy Azam Baki as well as MACC department heads to ensure an orderly handover of duties.

“It is business as usual in the MACC, in the capable hands of my officers.

“I am leaving my position with the fullest confidence that the MACC will continue to be uncompromising and tireless in the fight against corruption, irrespective of the position or political allegiance of the perpetrators,” she said.

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