

It was my own decision to resign - Latheefa Koya

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On Monday 2nd of March 2020, I submitted to the Prime Minister, YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd. Yassin a letter conveying my intention to resign as Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), subject to the approval of His Majesty the King.

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

My intention is to return to my practice as a human rights advocate.

Yesterday, I met the Honorable Prime Minister and explained to him my 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 IMDB 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.

Throughout this week I have met with and briefed my deputy Datuk Seri Azam Baki as well as MACC department heads, in order 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.

I thank the former Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir, my colleagues in the MACC and the Rakyat for all the support I have received during my tenure as Chief Commissioner.

God bless our country!

**LATHEEFA KOYA
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 -- Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Latheefa Koya today said that her resignation was not due to any pressure brought upon her.

"It was my own decision to do so. Speculation that pressure was brought upon me are baseless," she said in a statement to the media.

In the statement, Latheefa said a letter conveying her intention to resign was submitted to Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin on Monday (2 March 2020), and it was subject to the approval of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

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"I also briefed him about our ongoing actions and efforts for the recovery of the stolen 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) monies from abroad. He was fully supportive of these actions," she said in the statement.

Latheefa also added that she planned to return to her practice as a human rights advocate.

"It is business as usual in the MACC, in the capable hands of my officers. Throughout this week I have met with and briefed the Deputy Commissioner (Operations) Datuk Seri Azam Baki as well as MACC department heads, in order to ensure an orderly handover of duties," she said.

She also thanked the former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, MACC colleagues and the rakyat for all the support received during her tenure as a chief commissioner.

Latheefa was appointed as the MACC chief commissioner in June, 2019, replacing Datuk Seri Mohd Shukri Abdull, who decided to shorten his service contract.

In a statement then, the Prime Minister's Office said Latheefa would serve as MACC chief for two years beginning June 1, 2019.

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