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#### 1. EPF records RM203.18mil realised loss from Felda Global Ventures stake

KUALA LUMPUR: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) recorded a realised loss of RM203.18mil from its investment in Felda Global Ventures Holdings Bhd (FGV) as at August last year.

In a written reply to Dr Ko Chung Sen (DAP-Kampar), the Finance Ministry said, however, that EPF had gained a dividend income of RM105.77mil.

In explaining the fund's strategy, the ministry said that EPF has always had a strict investment policy where the companies in which it has an interest to invest should be "fundamentally strong".

The ministry added that companies with weak financial performance would still be given consideration if they could recover within a short period.

It also said that EPF will reduce or completely sell off its shares in companies that show a continued decline in financial performance as well as weak management.

EPF had initially held a 4.5% stake in FGV, before increasing it to 8.49% in September 2013 following "encouraging financial performance".

FGV - which is the world's largest producer of crude palm oil - was first listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange in 2012.

It initially traded at RM4.55 a share, but hit a record low of RM1.19 in August 2015.

Besides EPF, other government institutions that have invested in FGV are the Tabung Haji pilgrimage fund and Retirement Fund, Inc (KWAP).

The ministry said both institutions are closely monitoring FGV's performance to ensure that they will earn substantial profits from their investment.



# 2. Son of Tan Sri in graft probe arrested

PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has arrested the 31-year-old son of a Tan Sri, who was earlier detained in relation to fraudulent claims.

The son was arrested in Johor Baru and initial investigations showed that he is also involved in the case.

Both father, a former MIC vice-president, and son will be produced at the Putrajaya Courts at 9am Thursday for remand.

The 63-year-old retired politician was detained for allegedly submitting fraudulent claims of nearly RM13mil to the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

The claims were related to the supply of some 350 geotubes to carry out river restoration works for the DID.

The actual number of units supplied is said to be just 89 units costing only RM4mil.

The Tan Sri is said to have carried out big river drainage projects, worth millions of ringgit, for at least two southern states.

Four others have also been arrested in connection with the case.



### 3. Tan Sri, five others remanded



They arrived at the court in separate MACC cars at 9.30am Thursday.

PUTRAJAYA: The 63-year-old Tan Sri who allegedly made fraudulent claims of nearly RM13mil to the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) has been remanded for six days.

Magistrate A. Akhiruddin @ Boy Acho ordered the Tan Sri, together with five others, to be held until Tuesday following a request by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The other individuals were DID officers who abetted him in the alleged fraud and his son, who is also alleged to be involved in the case.

They are being investigated under Section 18 of the MACC Act.

They arrived at the court in separate MACC cars at 9.30am Thursday.

The suspects did not cover their faces from the media as they were escorted into the courtroom.

The Star reported that the Tan Sri, a former MIC vice-president, had made claims related to the supply of some 350 geotubes to carry out river restoration works for the DID.

The actual number of units supplied is said to be just 89 units costing only RM4mil.

The retired politician used to hold numerous party posts at state and division levels.

His family is said to be involved in the construction and transportation business.



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# 4. Three footballers in match-fixing probe remanded for seven days



PUTRAJAYA: Three Malaysian Premier League footballers have been remanded for seven days over suspected match fixing.

Magistrate Nik Isfahanie Tasnim Wan Ab Rahman ordered the three Malaysian Indian Football Association (MIFA) players to be held until Wednesday following a request by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The three arrived at the magistrate's court here at 10.15am Thursday, escorted by MACC officers.

They are being investigated under Section 16(a)(A) of the MACC Act.

MACC's initial investigation revealed that the players received bribes of between RM10,000 and RM30,000 from bookies to influence the outcome of matches during this season's Premier League campaign.

One of the players is an Argentine defender aged 29. The other two - a goalkeeper and a defender - are locals, aged 26 and 27.



### 5. Ex-MIC Tan Sri nabbed for graft

PUTRAJAYA: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has arrested another Tan Sri businessman for corruption.

The 63-year-old suspect, a former MIC vice-president, was detained for allegedly submitting fraudulent claims of nearly RM13mil to the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

The claims were related to the supply of some 350 geotubes to carry out river restoration works for the DID.

The actual number of units supplied is said to be just 89 units costing only RM4mil.

The retired politician used to hold numerous party posts at state and division levels.

His family is said to be involved in the construction and transportation business.

"He is a prominent figure in the southern region," sources said.

The Tan Sri is said to have carried out big river drainage projects, worth millions of ringgit, for at least two southern states.

Putrajaya sources described him as an "influential, wealthy and well-connected figure, although not a household name".

They said despite his earlier involvement in politics, he had "kept a relatively low profile".

The man was arrested at his home in Johor at 10.30am yesterday.

Also arrested were four officers from the DID - the director of the special projects division, two engineers and an assistant engineer.

The four are suspected of abetting the Tan Sri in the alleged fraud.

The suspects, one as young as 33 years, were arrested in Johor, Seremban and Putrajaya.

All of them are expected to be taken to the magistrate's court in Putrajaya for remand proceedings today.

They are being investigated under Section 18 of the MACC Act, which provides for a jail term of up to 20 years or five times the value of the alleged bribe amount.

MACC deputy chief commissioner (operations) Datuk Azam Baki, when contacted, confirmed that the arrests have been made.

He did not rule out that there would be more arrests made soon.

In Malacca, R.S.N. MURALI reports that Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron said the state government was unhappy with the deadline extension requested by the new contractor appointed to complete the beleaguered DID project.

"They claimed the materials used by their predecessor were sub-standard and that they needed time to replace them," he told reporters at an event at SMK Munshi Abdullah.

Idris said the project was nearly 40% complete but most of the materials used by the earlier contractor did not follow specifications.

"I have directed the project to be completed as scheduled or we will terminate even the second contractor," he said.

The RM130mil project involves the widening and extension work of the river by another 2.3km to enable the water taxis to stop and pick passengers from five new jetties.



### 6. Govt has to study viability of extending retirement age past 60

KUALA LUMPUR: The Government has to study the viability of extending the age of retirement past 60, says Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim.

The Women, Family and Community Development Minister said although she has received suggestions to raise the retirement age to 65, it would not happen in the immediate future.

"Though we accept the idea, we need to study it thoroughly.

"It can't happen immediately. There has to be a lot of engagement and we still need to assess the current system," she explained.

Speaking at a seminar at the Berjaya Times Square Hotel here Saturday, Rohani explained that extensive research had to be carried out before any amendments to the current retirement age of 60 could be made.

"We only recently raised the retirement age from 55 to 60," she said.

Rohani explained that the current "support structure", which includes departments such as the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), is only just adjusting to the retirement age of 60.

She said any suggestions to raise the retirement age would not depend on the decision of her ministry alone, but also other agencies such as the Public Service Department (JPA).

"We won't (increase the retirement age) at the moment. We have to first assess the current retirement age.

"We have to remember, if we keep on raising the retirement age, those who are supposed to be promoted will also be affected," Rohani explained.

She said the Government was making efforts to cater to the needs of senior citizens who still want to work past the current retirement age of 60.

According to Rohani, senior citizens over the age of 60 have a different approach to working and want a job with flexible hours



#### 7. Footballers on MACC radar

PETALING JAYA: At least a dozen footballers are now on the radar of the anti-graft body over suspicion of accepting bribes to throw away Malaysian Premier League matches.

Sources said match-fixing activities were not something new and had been happening over the years.

"It is an open secret as bookies will approach selected players and get them to take up the offer to influence the outcome of matches.

"We are talking about big sums of money involved in this lucrative illegal deals," said the source.

These syndicates are backed by influential and rich individuals with fundings mostly channelled from a neighbouring country and the offers made are "too good to resist".

It is learnt that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has also received reliable information on a number of bookies involved in match-fixing.

Rival bookies are also said to have approached certain players and made counter offers for certain "hot matches".

More arrests are on the cards, including players from other premier league teams, as the investigation into the scandal intensifies and unfolds.

"We are looking into all angles, including players who are closely linked to bookies and syndicate members, raking a steady side income.

"We believe some influential players may be involved in approaching other team mates.

"One such case involves a football captain whose house was shot at several times in 2015," added the source.

When contacted, MACC deputy chief commissioner (operations) Datuk Azam Baki confirmed that the anti-graft body was in the midst of gathering more information.

"We view the matter seriously and will take stern action against any wrongdoer.

"Athletes are no exception. They should preserve the integrity and good name of their respective fields, including football which is the country's top sport," he said yesterday.

Azam also urged more sports bodies to join hands with the MACC in its corruption-free pledges and stay away from the scourge.

The football associations of Selangor and Perak are among the latest to support the pledge.

On Friday, a 49-year-old bookie was remanded to help anti-graft officers in its probe.

This came following the arrest of the three players from the Malaysian Indian Football Association Premier League team.

The three - a foreign import, aged 29, and two locals, aged 26 and 27 - are being investigated under Section 16(a)(A) of the MACC Act.

Initial investigations showed the three players received bribes of between RM10,000 and RM30,000 from bookies to influence match outcomes over the past few years.

All three were said to have received hundreds of thousands of ringgit from syndicates.



# 8. Six Sarawak Immigration officers charged with corruption



The Immigration officers leaving the courtroom after pleading not guilty to corruption charges in Kuching.

KUCHING: Six Sarawak Immigration officers were charged with corruption in the Special Corruption Court here on Monday.

They were charged separately with receiving bribes ranging from RM200 to RM1,000 from one Fazal Illahi Juma Gul under Section 165 of the Penal Code.

All six pleaded not guilty in front of judge Nixon Kennedy Kumbong.

Two of the officers, Gracy Bohan and Norhaliza Hussein, claimed trial to two counts of corruption. The rest face one charge each.

Gracy, 34, allegedly received RM100 through online money transfer on April 22 last year and another RM100 on Dec 25.

Norhaliza, 32, was charged with receiving RM100 through bank transfer on Jan 1 this year and RM500 on Dec 27.

Agnes James Daim, 41, was charged with receiving RM200 via bank transfer on Dec 24 last year; Emily Ngayan Beliang, 36, with receiving RM300 on Jan 6 this year; Benjamin Morsit, 33, with receiving RM200 on Dec 13; and Khairul Nizam Omar with receiving RM1,000 on Dec 19.

The judge fixed pre-trial case management for all six cases on April 28 and released all six accused on court bail ranging from RM5,000 to RM8,000 each.

MACC prosecuting officers Katherine Nais, Mohd Asri Abu Mansur and Ikhwan Mohd Ibrahim prosecuted.

Agnes and Emily were represented by Roger Chin, Gracy by Francis Wee and Norhaliza by Osman Ibrahim, while Benjamin and Khairul Nizam were unrepresented.



### 9. Datuk Seri, son arrested over alleged land scandal

GEORGE TOWN: A prominent property developer and his son, both a Datuk Seri and Datuk respectively, were arrested by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) for alleged graft involving a land deal.

Sources said the Datuk Seri businessman, 74, was arrested at the MACC office here at about 7pm Tuesday.

His son, 47, was nabbed at the MACC headquarters in Putrajaya at about the same time.

The duo will be brought to the magistrate's court here to be remanded on Wednesday.

MACC deputy chief commissioner (operations) Datuk Azam Baki confirmed the arrests.

The land scandal is believed to involve the disposal of hundreds of acres of property.

A Datuk was arrested by MACC on March 29 in connection with the case.

The 70-year-old businessman was remanded pending investigation into alleged abuse of power while he was the head of a foundation here.



# 10. MACC looking for 'Ah Chong' in match-fixing probe

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Agency (MACC) is looking for a man known as Khairul Anuar Baharum over the Premier League match-fixing case.

In a statement Tuesday, MACC said Khairul - who is also known as "Ah Chong" - is wanted to assist in investigations relating to three Malaysian Indian Sports Council-Malaysia Indian Football Association (MISC-MIFA) players who were arrested for alleged bribery.

"Ah Chong, who played for the Selangor and Negeri Sembilan football teams, is asked to come to the MACC headquarters to help in investigations into the case.

"If he fails to do so, appropriate action will be taken against Ah Chong in accordance with the law," said the statement.

Members of the public with information on Ah Chong are requested to contact investigating officer Supt Mohd Fadzli Alias at 03-88867000 or 018-2744533.

On April 6, MACC arrested three MISC-MIFA players, including an import player for allegedly taking bribes from a bookie, and a metal scrap shop worker believed to be a bookie for offering cash, worth thousands of ringgit, to the MISC-MIFA players to fix the matches.

All the suspects will be investigated under Section 16(a)(A) of the MACC Act 2009, which carries a fine of five times the amount of the bribery or jail term of 20 years.



# 11. Rela personnel asked to be 'eyes and ears' of MACC



PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) has called for People's Volunteer Corps (Rela) personnel to be their "eyes and ears".

MACC chief commissioner Datuk Dzulkifli Ahmad (pic) said this during the Rela Corruption-Free Pledge signing ceremony on Tuesday.

"The commitment of Rela to sign the pledge serves as a motivation to the MACC workforce to continue carrying out their responsibilities in fighting corruption and gross abuses of power," he said.

Dzulkifli added that the Rela initiative shows its effort to ensure that its administration is free of misappropriation of power or corruption, and said that the pledge would strengthen Rela's management as a graft-free government agency.

A total of 581 Rela officers and volunteers signed the pledge and the ceremony was witnessed by Home Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Alwi Ibrahim and Rela director general Zulkifli Abidin

So far several organisations, including the Petaling Jaya Land and District Office as well as over 40 non-governmental organisations have taken this oath.



# 12. Association lodges report over Mara Inc property purchases

PUTRAJAYA: An association has lodged a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) over the alleged acquisition of property in Australia by Mara Incorporated Sdn Bhd (Mara Inc).

Persatuan Perjuangan Masyarakat Kota (Perkata) secretary-general Adzly Ab Manas said the report was lodged so that MACC could investigate the matter following the discovery of new evidence.

"We are prepared to hand over the evidence if required," he told reporters here Wednesday.

On June 26 last year, Mara chairman Tan Sri Annuar Musa, who has since been suspended, handed over documents to MACC on the purchase of real estate in Australia by Mara Inc.



#### 13. Friday, 14 April 2017

# Ezam sues Najib, Govt over 1MDB issue



KUALA LUMPUR: Former Senator Datuk Mohamad Ezam Mohd Nor (pic) is suing the Prime Minister, the Government and 13 others in relation to 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

Speaking to reporters after filing the suit on Friday, Mohamad Ezam said he is bringing the civil action as a citizen and a taxpayer on behalf of other Malaysians.

"The purpose of filing this claim is to allow the court to determine who is liable for the losses of 1MDB as Malaysia's sovereign wealth fund, assign liability for such losses and to recover the losses using the due process of the law," he said.

Former Umno, PKR and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Pribumi) member Mohamad Ezam is the president of Parti Bebas Rasuah.

Parti Bebas Rasuah was formerly known as New Generation Party (NewGen Party).

Mohamad Ezam's lawyer Farez Jinnah confirmed that the lawsuit was filed at the High Court registry on Friday morning.

In his court papers, Mohamad Ezam is asking for the courts to issue an order directing Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and other defendants to jointly and severally indemnify the 1MDB with payment of US\$3.6bil (RM15.8bil) to it.

He is also seeking costs and relief as may be just and equitable



# 14. Match-fixing probe: Ex-footballer Khairul surrenders to MACC

PUTRAJAYA: Former national footballer Khairul Anuar Baharum, who is being sought by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to help in an investigation into match-fixing, probably wanted to quietly turn himself in.

But he chose the wrong time to head to the anti-graft body's office, stumbling upon a media swarm already there for a different matter.

Also known as "Ah Chong," Khairul was spotted by the media at the MACC headquarters at about 10.45am Friday.

He appeared surprised by the presence of the media, which had gathered there to cover a press conference by PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli later in the morning.

Khairul, who previously played for Selangor and Negri Sembilan, seemed hesitant to approach the main entrance at first, but after a few minutes, walked straight into the building without speaking to the media.

The MACC is investigating Premier League matches involving the Malaysian Indian Sports Council-Malaysia Indian Football Association (MISC-MIFA).

Last week, a 49-year-old bookie was remanded. This came following the arrest of three players – a foreign import, aged 29, and two locals, aged 26 and 27 – from the MIFA Premier League Squad.

MACC alleged that its initial investigations showed that they had received bribes of between RM10,000 and RM30,000 from bookies to influence match outcomes over the past few years.

All three were said to have received a total of hundreds of thousands of ringgit from syndicates.

They are being investigated under Section 16(a)(A) of the MACC Act 2009, which carries a fine of five times the amount of the bribery or jail term of 20 years.



### 15. MACC arrests Ampang PKR Youth chief

PUTRAJAYA: Ampang PKR Youth chief Datuk Adam Rosly has been detained by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) as it investigates his "unusual" wealth.

Sources told *The Star* that Adam, 29, was handcuffed after his statement was recorded at the headquarters yesterday.

"He was detained at about 3.30pm, close to an hour after being interrogated by the commission. He is being detained for 24 hours," sources said, adding that the MACC will be applying for remand order today.

"The MACC is investigating the case under the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act," the source added.

Earlier, Adam presented himself at the MACC headquarters to get his statement recorded for the second time. He was first questioned by MACC on Feb 10.

Adam is the special officer to Ampang MP Zuraida Kamaruddin.

Adam's wealth came into public attention after Red Shirt's leader Datuk Seri Jamal Yunos questioned how he was able to own a castle-style bungalow in Ampang at his age.

Jamal claimed the house cost RM7mil but Adam said he bought it at an auction for RM1mil.



### 16. MACC boss blames enforcement agencies for graft

KUALA LUMPUR: Enforcement agencies are to blame for persistent corruption in Malaysia, said the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner Datuk Dzulkifli Ahmad.

"The reason corruption and abuse of power still exists and is flourishing is because enforcement agencies have failed to discharge their duties diligently," he said during a dialogue with senators at the Parliament building yesterday.

As such, he urged the senators to declare corruption and abuse of power "public enemy number one".

"We need the full support of all parties to address this national threat," he added.

Dzulkifli said that most of the issues affecting the country including drugs, leakages in national income, illegal immigration and border control stem from the weakness of enforcement personnel.

He added that cases of corruption in Malaysia lowers its standing in the eyes of the world.

Recently, scores of enforcement agencies' personnel, including policemen, firemen, Immigration and local council officers were rounded up by the MACC over corruption and abuse of power.

Some of them have been charged in court and many more have been placed under close watch by the anti-graft body.

Dzulkifli, who became chief commissioner in July 2016, has vowed to make anti-corruption a national agenda, promising that an anti-corruption arrest or prosecution happens every week.

Several high profile suspects have been arrested and charged since Dzulkifli took over.

In February, former rural and regional development ministry secretary-general Mohd Arif Ab Rahman and his son were charged with corruption.

Johor exco member Abd Latiff Bandi was arrested and released on bail pending a graft probe involving a bumiputra land scandal.



# 17. Slapped with 33 counts of graft

JOHOR BARU: State executive councillor Datuk Abd Latif Bandi has been charged in the Sessions Court here with 33 counts of graft, the earliest of which stretches back to just six months after he assumed office.

Abd Latif, 51, was sworn in to his post as Johor Housing and Local Government Committee chairman in 2013 and according to the list of charges, he allegedly abetted property consultant Amir Shariffuddin Abd Raud on Nov 13 that same year to convert bumiputra lots into non-bumiputra lots.

Yesterday, the court interpreter took about 15 minutes to read the list of charges to each of the accused in the case, considered one of the biggest corruption scandals in the state.

In total, Abd Latif is said to have abetted Amir, 44, to convert 1,480 houses.

He is also accused of helping to reduce the quantum of payment that developers had to contribute towards the Johor Housing Fund for converting these lots.

The offences, the last of which supposedly took place on Sept 13, 2016, involved payments of between RM100,000 and RM3.7mil.



TWO IN COUR T: Abd Latif (above) being brought to the Johor Baru Sessions Court by anti-graft officers. He is alleged to have abetted property consultant Amir Shariffuddin Abd Raud (below) in the land development scandal.

Totalling some RM30.3mil, this involved development projects in Kota Masai, Tebrau, Kulai, Kempas, Nusajaya and Johor Baru.

Among the converted lots were apartments, double-storey terrace homes, cluster houses, cluster industrial lots, semi-Ds and bungalows.

Abd Latif was charged under Section 28 (1) (c) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act for abetment, which was read together with Section 16 (a)(B) for accepting bribes.

Amir was charged with 33 counts under Section 16 (a)(B) for accepting bribes for himself and Abdul Latif.

Judge Mohd Fauzi Mohd Nasir set bail at RM2mil in one surety for each of the accused and ordered their passports to be surrendered until the trial was over. He also fixed May 23 for mention.

At press time, only Amir posted bail while Abd Latif, who was unable to raise the amount, was sent to the Ulu Choh detention centre.



Earlier, 15 minutes after Abd Latif and Amir were ushered into the packed courtroom, a defence lawyer stood up and asked for their "Lokap SPRM" orange T-shirts to be removed.

Both Abd Latif, who took time to hug and shake the hands of several people, and Amir then changed into long-sleeved shirts.

Abd Latif was represented by a six-man legal team led by Datuk Hasnal Rezua Merican while two lawyers, headed by Azrul Zulkifli Stork, stood for Amir.

The case was prosecuted by MACC director Datuk Masri Mohd Daud, with assistance from Raja Amir Nasruddin.



### 18. IMDB and IPIC settle arbitration proceedings

KUALA LUMPUR: 1Malaysia Development Bhd and International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) have agreed on a settlement of the arbitration proceedings at the London Court of International Arbitration.

1MDB said on Monday that as per the settlement, 1MDB will, amongst others, make certain payments to IPIC and will assume responsibility for all future interest and principal payments for two bonds issued by 1MDB Group companies due in 2022.

"These obligations will be met by 1MDB, primarily via monetisation of 1MDB-owned investment fund units.

"1MDB is pleased to confirm that a first tranche monetisation of approximately US\$50mil has been received, in cash.

"This arbitration settlement and monetisation of investment fund units represents the resolution of a significant challenge, and is a major part of the 1MDB rationalisation plan, which is now at its final stages of conclusion," it said.



### 19. MACC nabs two NRD officers in Semporna over bribe demand

KOTA KINABALU: Two National Registration Department officers were arrested by graft investigators for allegedly demanding RM2,000 from a man to help process identity cards for his twin daughters who have turned 12.

The two Semporna-based NRD officers - a 45-year-old man and 40-year-old woman - were arrested separately by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on Wednesday evening, MACC sources said.

The sources said they were arrested after allegedly receiving RM2,000 from the father in two separate payments.

However, investigators are trying to figure out why the duo allegedly demanded a bribe as the father and the children were Malaysians and the girls reportedly had birth certificates.

The two are being investigated for corruption and abuse of power.

They were brought before Tawau magistrate Faizal Che Saad, who granted a five-day remand until May 1 for investigations.



# 20. Pakistani and two Malaysians remanded for bribery

IPOH: Three men including a foreigner from Pakistan were remanded for six days in connection with a bribery case over the renewal of temporary foreign workers' permits.

They were brought to a magistrate's court here at 11am Friday. Assistant Registrar Puteri Nordina Kamalaudin granted the six-day remand.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) arrested the three men on Thursday at various locations in Ipoh and Batu Gajah.

A 57-year-old local man was arrested at a restaurant in Meru Raya at 8.10pm, while the other local, aged 49, was detained in Batu Gajah at 9pm.

The 46-year-old Pakistani was arrested at Tasek at about 12.30pm.

Counsel Gurbachan Singh represented the three.

The trio, who acted as middlemen and agents to help renew the permits, allegedly bribed MyEG Services Bhd staff.

A source said that based on intelligence and sharing of information, elements of corruption were found in the online renewal process for the permits using the company's portal.

The case is being investigated under Section 16 (a) of the MACC Act 2009.