

'SMSes show I'm right'

NFCORP PROBE: Shamsubahrin hands over 'evidence of attempts to bribe cops'

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DATUK Shamsubahrin Ismail, who was recently charged with cheating, handed over his mobile phone and text message transcripts to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) officer, claiming that these were evidence that his allegations of "attempts to bribe the police" by individuals within National Feedlot Corporation (NFCorp) were true.

Shamsubahrin, who was NFCorp's corporate adviser and consultant, arrived at MACC yesterday with his lead counsel, N. Surendran, and three lawyers Latheefa Koya, Afifudin Ahmad Hafifi and Siti Maspuan Maulan.

"The reason I came to MACC today is to hand over the evidence of what transpired between me and Datuk Seri Salleh (NFCorp chairman Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh Ismail), and evidence (to) show I have not cheated him (of RM1.76 million in consultancy fees)."

Shamsubahrin spent about an hour giving his statement recorded by MACC's Assistant Superintendent Kumara Samy Ganesan.

"Let the MACC investigate. I don't want to say it here. What is important is that by being here with the evidence, it shows that I am innocent."

Surendran said the evidence supported allegations of "attempts to bribe the police" by individuals within NFCorp.

"The SMSes will show that a key figure from NFCorp had tried to

bribe the police to close the case," the Parti Keadilan Rakyat vice-president said.

Yesterday was the second time MACC was given the phone after Shamsubahrin had given it to them in their earlier investigation into NFCorp.

"It is strange because the phone was with them and they (MACC) were fully aware of the contents and did not launch any investigation into the attempted bribery.

"After we had publicised it and lodged a report in Klang, only then they (MACC) felt pressured and slowly started (an investigation)," said Surendran.

Shamsubahrin alleged that he was pressured to bribe police to close the

National Feedlot Centre case in a

police report on Jan 27 in Klang.

However, Salleh had refuted the claim and said the company had no reason to bribe the police who had always been fair to them during the course of the investigation into the NFCorp scandal.

Shamsubahrin pleaded not guilty to a charge of cheating by promising Salleh a consultation service and inducing him to agree to pay for the service.

He was charged with cheating by deceiving and inducing Salleh to give him cheques amounting to RM1.76 million at Solaris in Mont Kiara, between Nov 25 and Dec 6.

Shamsubahrin also faces two separate cheating charges and

was held in Sungai Buloh Prison, but is now out on bail.



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