

Daya Kerjaya 2.0: Company owners, runners remanded over false claims

KUCHING: Four company owners and two company runners have been remanded to assist in investigations into allegations of submitting documents suspected of containing false material particulars to obtain incentives under the Daya Kerjaya 2.0 Programme.

Magistrate Nur Syaheeqa Nazwa Radzali issued the remand orders against all six male suspects, aged between 31 and 42, following an application by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Sarawak branch.

Three suspects were remanded

for four days while the remaining three for two days.

A source said all six men were detained separately by MACC Sarawak officers on June 9, with investigations being conducted under Section 18 of the MACC Act 2009.

Among the lawyers representing the suspects are Ralph Lee, Benedict Bryan Khu, Jong Yee Ling, Patrick Voon, Alex Kong, Tiong Ing Neng, and Yong Suk Hui.

It is understood that the investigation is focused on allegations that several company owners and runners in Sarawak

had submitted documents suspected of containing false material particulars to the Social Security Organisation (Socso) in order to obtain incentives under the Daya Kerjaya 2.0 Programme between 2024 and 2025.

It was reported recently that the MACC had uncovered irregularities involving the Daya Kerjaya 2.0 Programme, with fraudulent claims estimated at RM9.01 million.

MACC Chief Commissioner Datuk Seri Abd Halim Aman was reported as saying that investigations had identified 143 companies involving 320

workers nationwide suspected of being involved in the misappropriation of government funds administered by Socso since 2024.

According to him, among the irregularities detected was the declaration of individuals as employees even though the individuals did not actually exist.

Under the Daya Kerjaya 2.0 Programme, the government offers a wage incentive of RM1,500 per month for six months to employers who hire eligible individuals, including persons with disabilities, former prison inmates, and senior citizens.



MACC officers escort the suspects at the court.