

CORRUPTION

Three immigration officers remanded over bribes

PUTRAJAYA: Three immigration officers were remanded for five days from yesterday to assist in investigations into a corruption case. The remand orders against the officers, one of them a woman, were issued by magistrate Shah Wira Abdul Halim here.

According to a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) source, the officers, aged between 33 and 35, were detained between noon and 5.50pm at the MACC headquarters here on Wednesday. The officers are suspected to have received bribes to expedite the process of issuing passes to foreigners to return to their country of origin without going through the Online Appointment System (STO).

The source said the officers have allegedly been dealing with a middleman since the implementation of the Recovery Movement Control Order to manage the issuance of passes to foreigners who have overstayed in the



The immigration officers being taken to court. BERNAMA PIC

country to return to their country of origin. The source said the three suspects were said to have received bribes of between RM300 and RM500 for each pass issued.

On Wednesday, according to the source, two individuals, including an immigration officer, were also remanded for five days to assist in investigations into the same case. Putrajaya MACC director Hasbilah Mohamad Salleh confirmed the arrests. **Bernama**