

WHISTLEBLOWER CASE

Former EMGS deputy director acquitted

KUALA LUMPUR: A former Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) deputy director has been freed from a charge of causing a whistleblower, who exposed his misconduct to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), to be sacked.

Wafiy Abd Aziz, 37, who was the first person to be charged under the act, was acquitted and discharged by the Sessions Court here after the prosecution failed to establish a prima facie case

against him.

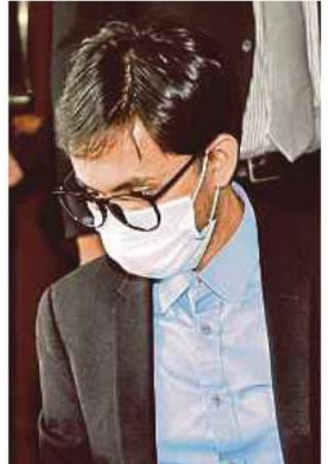
Wafiy was accused of taking detrimental action against the person who blew the whistle on him to MACC. He allegedly did this by inciting Datuk Abdul Rahman Shariff, the chairman of the company, to sign a document of Termination of Employment against the whistleblower in retaliation for exposing his improper conduct to the anti-graft agency.

The charge against Wafiy under Section 10 (3)(b) of the Whistle-

blower Protection Act carries a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or a jail term of not more than 15 years, or both, if convicted.

Judge Suzana Hussain ordered the accused to be freed without calling for his defence after prosecution failed to prove a prima facie case against the accused at the end of the prosecution's case.

Seventeen witnesses were called, including Rahman and then EMGS chief executive officer Shahibuddin Shariff.



Wafiy Abd Aziz