



Suspicion of irregularities under Danida Business Partnership Programme in Vietnam

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Reference is made to the previous report dated 23 March 2023 regarding suspicions of fraud on a grant to a Danish and a Vietnamese company under the Danida Business Partnership programme aimed at supporting a green energy production. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (MFA) has disbursed DKK 3,235,548 for the period 2014-2021 to the companies.

A forensic audit found indications of misrepresentation of supporting documents of ineligible expenses of DKK 289,800 in connection with reimbursement claims of consultant costs submitted by the Vietnamese partner. The Danish partner agreed and fully covered the ineligible expenses in December 2021.

Based on consultations with a lawyer, the Danish Embassy submitted a crime notice regarding the case to the police on 8 December 2023. The Danish Embassy in Hanoi has followed up by contacting the police multiple times and has sent two notes verbales requesting updates and information on the status of the processing of this criminal notice. As of now, the Embassy has not received a response from the Police Investigation Agency concerning the inquiry about the receipt and handling of the notice.

A new report will be forwarded when there are further developments in the case.