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KOTA BARU: Kota Baru Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) manager Arman Che Othman was charged in the Sessions Court here yesterday with 13 counts of corruption and money laundering involving RM125,200.

Arman, 47, however, pleaded not guilty to all the charges after they were read out before Justice Nazri Ismail.

Eleven of the charges were made under Section 17 (a) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, while the remaining two charges were made under Section 4 (1)(a) of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

On the 11 charges under the MACC Act, Arman was charged as Tanah Merah TNB director, with accepting gratification totalling RM61,000 from a contractor to approve the progress report for its projects.

All the offences were committed at Public Bank branches in Kota Baru and Tanah Merah between September 2013 and July 2014.

The charges provide for imprisonment of up to 20 years and a



fine of not less than five times the sum or value of the gratification, or RM10,000, whichever is higher, upon conviction.

On the two other charges, the first count was for allegedly using RM9,000 from an account belonging to KS Maju Solution, which was proceeds obtained from unlawful activities, at the Wakaf Siku Public Bank branch between Sept 18 and Dec 21, 2013.

On the second count, Arman was charged with engaging in money laundering involving RM55,200 from an account belonging to KS

Maju Solution at the same place between Jan 1 and Oct 18, 2014.

He faces a jail term of up to five years, or a fine of up to RM5 million, or both, if found guilty.

Justice Nazri allowed Arman bail of RM40,000 in one surety for all the charges and also ordered him to surrender his passport to the court.

The court set Nov 15 for mention.

The prosecution was conducted by deputy public prosecutor from the MACC, Mohd Asnawi Abu Hanifah, while the accused was represented by lawyer Datuk Shukri Mohamed. — *Bernama*