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Kit Siang: Fine for graft should be up to RM1m

PENANG, Sat. - DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang today proposed that the law be amended to provide a maximum fine of one million ringgit for corruption. He said the provision of such high fine would send a clear signal that corruption was the country's number one enemy and that the Government was prepared to fight it at all cost.

"It will also show that we are prepared to have the most severe anti-corruption penalties in the world," he told the Press at his Tanjong constituency service centre today.

Lim was referring to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to Umno to wage an all-out war against corruption during a video-conferencing from London with Umno leaders after the party's supreme council meeting on Thursday.

Lim said: "We should also adopt 'zero corruption' as a national objective to help Malaysia earn recognition as among the 10 cleanest and least corrupt nations in the world."

Last year, the country was ranked 26th out of 54 nations in the Transparency International, which was an international corruption perception index, he said. Lim also proposed an anti-corruption law to allow for confiscation of properties and wealth completely disproportionate to known sources of income of a Minister, Menteri Besar or Chief Minister.

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