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PRM wants more steps taken to fight corruption

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon.- Parti Rakyat Malaysia today urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to direct all Ministers, Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers to submit fresh declarations of their incomes and assets.

Its president, Dr Syed Husin Ali, said in a statement, corruption can destroy the country and its people as seen in a number of neighbouring countries.

Therefore any attempt by the Government to control it quickly and effectively would be very welcome, he said.

He said the recent investigations by the Anti-Corruption Agency against an MB and eight State Exco members indicated that the Government was showing increasing determination to fight corruption.

"We also urge that the ACA be removed from the PM's Department and put under Parliament with increased independence, power and allocation," he said.

DAP deputy chairman for the Federal Territory Wee Choo Keong, said in a statement the party welcomed the resignation of Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib as Selangor MB.

"This is the most honourable step for the MB in view of the court case in Australia and the various investigations by the ACA," he said.

Wee also called on the Government to amend the constitution to include provisions whereby any Government official who is charged in court or investigated by the ACA is immediately suspended from holding office until the outcome of the trial or investigation.

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