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DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES ACA DRIVE TO CONSOLIDATE GOVT MACHINERY

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched an Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA)-initiated campaign to consolidate integrity in the government machinery.

At the launch, held at the agency's headquarters here, Dr Mahathir, who is also Home Minister, handed over a copy each of the Anti-Corruption Act 1997 and the Prime Minister's Order 1/98 to eight VIPs representing the government machinery.

They are Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha, Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali, Home Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Samsudin Osman, the Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Rahim Noor, Selangor State Secretary Datuk Hashim Meon, Mampu Director-General Datuk Dr Mohammad Rais Abdul Karim and ACA Director-General Datuk Shafee Yahaya.

Abang Abu Bakar represented the Cabinet special committee on consolidation of government management, Wan Mokhtar for all menteris besar and chief ministers, Abdul Halim for the Malaysian civil service, Samsudin for secretaries-general of ministries, Rahim for federal departments, Hashim for state secretaries and Shafee as the cabinet committee's secretary.

The new Act provides the ACA with additional powers to deal with graft perpetrated with growing sophistication.

Several members of the cabinet were also present. -- BERNAMA

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