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PARLIAMENT: NO PROPOSAL TO HAVE ALL PARTY INQUIRY COMMITTEE

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- The Government does not propose to set up an All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry Committee to investigate allegations of corruption in high places.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman said today the country already had an agency and the necessary laws and regulations to handle corruption cases.

"The government's policy on corruption is quite clear in that it will not tolerate any form of irregularities. Corruption cases will be handled by the courts and appropriate punishment will be meted out," he told Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Tanjung) in the Dewan Rakyat.

"Hence there is no need for the government to set up such an all party committee to investigate allegations of corruption and cronyism," he said.

The Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) would not hesitate to investigate any report of corruption lodged with it, he said when replying to Lim.

Lim wanted to know whether the government was aware that serious allegations of corruption and cronyism had been levelled against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad by his former deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I wish to give an assurance that no one in this country is immune to the laws in force in this country," Fauzi added,

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