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PM: VARIOUS STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES TO CURB CORRUPTION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 15 (Bernama) -- The government has adopted various strategies and approaches to curb corruption among society including civil servants who have been issued directives and circulars on the matter from time to time, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

In his written reply to Datuk Seri Mohamed Salleh Tun Said in the Dewan rakyat here, he said that the government was also striving to improve efficiency, accountability and integrity in the government's administrative machinery.

He said that among the directives was one on the setting up of Good Governance Committees at the federal, state and district levels, launched by then Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, on Jan 8 1998.

Mohamed Salleh wanted to know the progress of the government's efforts to curb corruption at the state and local government levels.

Abdullah said that the heavier penalties provided for under the Anti Corruption Act 1997, enforced on Jan 8 1998, would also serve as deterrence among the public.

Besides, he said, awareness campaigns and public education programmes had been conducted to instil abhorrence for corruption among society.

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