

TBH death: Najib urged to act against MACC trio

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has been urged to take immediate action against three MACC officers implicated in the death of former political aide Teoh Beng Hock in 2009.

DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang is pressing Najib to honour his solemn undertaking in 2009 to leave "no stone unturned" in pursuing justice for Teoh, as the Umno president "had washed his hands" of the case since the publication of the royal commission of inquiry's (RCI) report last July.

NONE "After the publication of the report, Najib said he left the decision of penalising the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) trio named by the RCI to the MACC, the police and the attorney-general.

"There has been no action whatsoever on the part of the police and the attorney-general, while what happened in the MACC has been an even greater charade - with no news in the past six months about the outcome of the commission's internal probe against the three MACC officers," the Ipoh Timor MP said in a statement.

Lim said Pakatan MPs will remind Najib in the March sitting of parliament that he has failed to fulfill his pledge, and passing off responsibility to a third party would not work.

"We demand that he keep to his pledge or face censure by the electorate in the forthcoming general election," he said.

He said although no sufficient evidence was adduced at the RCI to establish Teoh's killers, it was clearly established that there was a conspiracy of a "blue wall of silence" among the MACC officers to "cover up" events that transpired in the Selangor MACC premises that led to Teoh's death.

Former Court of Appeal judge NH Chan has suggested in an article published after the RCI report that the implicated MACC officers should be charged under Section 304 (culpable homicide), Section 304A (causing death by negligence) and Section 302 (murder) of the Penal Code.

NONEMeanwhile, the Court of Appeal will sit in Putrajaya at 9am tomorrow to decide on the application for leave to appeal against the High Court decision in December rejecting a judicial review of the open verdict of the inquest into Beng Hock's death.

The family members of Teoh are calling upon the public to go the venue to lend the family "the most needed encouragement".

"Will there be justice for Beng Hock tomorrow?" asked Lim.

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