

'Will IACC okay probe by PM's men on their boss?'

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DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang has urged members of the special task force investigating allegations that US\$700 million in funds was deposited into the prime minister's bank accounts, to seek endorsement of the prestigious 16th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC).

The task force comprises the heads of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Bank Negara, and police, and is coordinated by the Attorney-General's (AG's) Chambers.

Lim said this is to find out whether anti-corruption experts at the IACC think it was acceptable for the heads of MACC, Bank Negara and AG's Chambers - which all report to Najib Abdul Razak as prime minister and finance minister - to probe their own boss. The police chief reports to the Home Ministry.

"I have no doubt that if a vote is put to the IACC whether the participants approve of such an arrangement where a special task force of subordinates is established to investigate the prime minister in the fight against corruption, the vote must be a decisive and even unanimous 'no'," he said.

Suggested sub-theme

Lim said in light of the ongoing financial scandal in Malaysia, the IACC which is to take place in Putrajaya from Sept 2 to Sept 4, should also feature 1MDB as a 'sub-theme'.

"The 16th IACC is very lucky for it will have the special privilege and honour not only to have a major participant but the key player of 1MDB scandal to give the keynote address," said Lim in a statement today.

Najib is among the key speakers at the conference.

Lim also sarcastically recommended the heads of the MACC, Bank Negara, police, and the Attorney-General's Chambers to speak at the event.

"They should appear before the IACC sessions to impart their experience and expertise to an international conference as they must be the only outfit in the world of subordinate officers investigating the number one authority in government and nation, the prime minister," he said sarcastically.

The conference, themed 'Ending Impunity: People, Integrity and Action', is expected to bring together 800 to 2,000 international participants.

Lim said this would be an "excellent opportunity" for those participating to "discuss and dissect a live case example" of how its theme would be difficult to achieve in the context of

the 1MDB investigation.

"In fact, the 16th IACC, which has described itself as the 'world's premier global forum for bringing together heads of state, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to tackle the increasingly sophisticated challenge posed by corruption' should have a sub-theme of 'The Mother of all Financial Scandals in Malaysia – the RM42 billion 1MDB Scandal'," Lim added.

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