

Najib told to reinstate MACC duo if he's innocent

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If Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had no hand in the abrupt transfer of two Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission officers to the Prime Minister's Department (PMD) yesterday, then he should immediately reverse the directives, said DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang.

"Did he (Najib) order the Public Service Department director Mohamad Zabidi Zainal to issue the immediate transfer orders to the two MACC directors last evening?" asked Lim in a press statement.

"Or was Najib completely unaware that orders for immediate transfers for the two MACC directors to the PMD had been issued yesterday, in which case, the first thing he should do today is to countermand these improper and indefensible orders," added Lim, who is also Gelang Patah MP.

The transfers came amid MACC's investigation into RM2.6 billion deposited into Najib's personal bank accounts.

The two MACC officers transferred are special operations division director Bahri Mohamad Zin, who headed the investigations, and strategic communication director Rohaizad Yaakob.

Prior to this, several MACC investigators were also arrested by police and their homes and offices raided on grounds of leaking information on the RM2.6 billion probe.

Bahri had been highly critical of police harassment against MACC investigators and had vowed to ferret out the "hidden hands" behind the action.

Rohaizad had greeted opposition MPs at the MACC headquarters on Thursday morning after they turned up to show support for the embattled graft busters.

'Seven days of madness'

Lim pointed out the transfers came immediately after Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hmaidid assured that there would be no more actions against MACC following a series of arrests by police.

"It made nonsense of his assurance and guarantee early yesterday that there would be no more arrests of MACC officers by the police, only to take their statements, as if there would be an end of the seven days of madness in Putrajaya with the police and the MACC on 'war footing' against each other.

"Did Zahid (photo) know that while he was giving a public assurance that there would be cessation of the 'warfare' between the police and the MACC, a new front had been decided

upon to harass, hound and intimidate the MACC officers via 'immediate transfers' for the two MACC directors out of MACC to the PMD?" said Lim.

Lim said the series of manoeuvre have seriously dented Najib's Government Transformation Programme (GTP) which has combating corruption as one of the National Key Results Area (NKRA).

In light of this, Lim also asked if members of all five of MACC's oversight committee would resign together in protest.

Meanwhile, PKR-linked Jingga 13 described the actions against MACC as a symptom of the country now sliding into a dictatorship.

"The actions prove Najib and his Umno/BN government is turning Malaysia into a dictatorship to save himself from the 1MDB scandal that can no longer be contained," said Jingga 13 coordinator Fariz Musa in a press statement.

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