

Transparency International: Malaysia facing major corruption crisis
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The global anti-corruption movement Transparency International (TI) today declared that Malaysia is now facing a major corruption crisis.

Following its annual membership meeting in Putrajaya today, it urged the government to ensure that the MACC can act independently without political interference.

It demanded that all corruption investigations be independently investigated, and followed through with prosecution and punishment regardless of who is implicated.

"Malaysia is facing a major corruption crisis. The Transparency International movement seeks a strong and clear commitment from the government of Malaysia to ensure (that these demands are met) [...]"

"Many countries around the world face similar crises and these commitments should apply to them too," it said in a statement today.

TI said the meeting was attended by delegates from more than 100 countries and this was among the resolutions adopted by the delegates.

It did not specify the reasons for passing the resolution, but it comes at a time when Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is facing allegations of corruption and interfering with the investigations against him.

He is being investigated for the RM2.6 billion that he said he received from a Middle Eastern donor just prior to the 13th general election, and RM42 million channeled from the former 1Malaysia Development Bhd subsidiary SRC International.

Amid these investigations, seven MACC officers involved in probing Najib and SRC International were questioned by the police, followed by a later cancelled transfer of another two of its officers.

These raised allegations of interference in MACC's investigations.

Najib has consistently denied taking public money for personal gain.