

DEIG emerges clean from MACC corruption probe

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The MACC today said it has cleared Selangor's controversial Darul Ehsan Investment Group (DEIG) of any corruption offence.

In a press statement, Selangor MACC director Simi Abdul Ghani also brushed off accusations that the graft-buster had done nothing on the matter.

He said MACC has probed DEIG in a proactive manner soon after the media on Aug 19 reported on alleged irregularities in the Selangor-owned entity.

It then interviewed a few witnesses besides examining all the relevant documents.

"At this stage, MACC did not find any wrongdoing under the MACC Act 2009," said Simi.

Controversy erupted when it was announced that the newly formed RM2 paid-up capital firm will be taking over the management of state assets under Mentri Besar Incorporated (MBI) which in turn will be wholly- owned by DEIG.

This raised concerns of the opposition in Selangor who said they feared this would lead to the misappropriation of funds.

He, however, said MACC will take appropriate action if fresh information surfaces and is covered under MACC Act.

Zakat probe still on

However, he added that the probe against DEIG in relation to making zakat payments without authority would still continue.

MACC investigated firm in July for allegedly paying out RM5 million in zakat (tithe) when it had yet to start operations.

According to its official website, DEIG, which was registered on June 5 will only be fully operational in the first quarter of next year.