

## **MACC to refer AG's 'no case' decision to review panel**

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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) will raise attorney-general Mohamed Apandi Ali's decision to not pursue the cases involving Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak with the MACC Operations Review Panel (PPO).

The PPO is an independent panel that reviews cases from the MACC that are not pursued by the Attorney-General's Chambers.

The top MACC management made this decision in a meeting on the matter today, the anti-graft body said in a statement today.

The panel members are Hamid Bugo, Jawhar Hassan, Zamani Abdul Ghani, Azizah Arshad, Wan Abdul Wahab Abdullah, Normah Omar, Sundarmoorthy M Pathmanathan and Lim Chee Wee.

Apandi yesterday cleared Najib of wrongdoing on the discovery of RM2.6 billion in his personal bank accounts.

Najib was also cleared on the RM42 million from state-owned firm SRC International Sdn Bhd that allegedly went into his bank accounts.

MACC special operations director Bahri Mohd Zain earlier said the anti-graft body would appeal to the Attorney-General's Chambers to reconsider its decision, since the case is "straightforward".

Apandi yesterday explained that the RM2.6 billion came from the Saudi royal family.

The sum, originally cited in US dollars, amounted to US\$681 million. Of this, Apandi said, US\$620 million was returned to the Saudi family.

He said the MACC also could not prove there was an element of corruption in the SRC International matter.

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