

MACC: Referral to panel not rejection of AG's decision

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The MACC today said its move to refer Attorney-General Mohd Apandi Ali's decision not to press charges against the prime minister to its operations review panel should not be construed as a rejection of his decision.

In a statement, MACC strategic communications director Rohaizad Yaakob said the referral of the case to the panel was part of its normal case management procedure prior to closing a case.

“Therefore, the move to refer the prime minister's case to the panel is part of a normal procedure and should not be interpreted as a rejection of the attorney-general's decision.

“In addition, the MACC emphasizes that any statement made by any individual is not the official view of the MACC,” Rohaizad added.

The MACC earlier today said it will pass the case to the independent panel for review after Apandi cleared Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak of any wrongdoing.

MACC special operations director Bahri Mohd Zain said the anti-graft body believes the case was 'straightforward'.

Sources told Malaysiakini the MACC had proposed three charges against Najib under the Penal Code.

This comes as Apandi urged those unhappy with his decision to take the matter to court.

Article 145 of the federal constitution gives him the sole discretion to institute, continue or discontinue criminal proceedings against any accused person, he told The Malaysian Insider.

“That is my stand. Anyone who does not agree with this is free to seek an interpretation of my decision at the Federal Court,” he reportedly said.

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