

PM orders immediate probe into RM100m embezzlement

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has called for an immediate investigation regarding the RM100 million scandals in the Youth and Sports Ministry.

According to Bernama, chief secretary to the government Ali Hamsa said the government was extremely concerned by the matter.

"The prime minister has instructed there be an investigation into this matter with immediate effect.

"Corruption is a scourge that we must eradicate in our country, and the government will not stand for it," he said.

He added that Najib has also instructed ministries, government departments and agencies to exercise extra vigilance, transparency and accountability.

Last Friday, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission arrested an officer of the Youth and Sports Ministry on suspicion of masterminding a syndicate responsible for misappropriation of government funds totalling RM107 million.

The syndicate, which had been operating since 2010, allegedly hosted non-existing programmes with payments made to a contractor through the division secretary.

MACC froze 69 accounts worth RM8.33 million, and seized houses, cars, clothes, and jewellery.

Also confiscated were expensive watches worth up to RM400,000, Hermes handbags worth RM600,000 and RM300,00 worth of beddings.

The mastermind also frequently travelled with his family via first class tickets costing RM80,000 per person.

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