

**PM Orders Thorough Probe On Customs Officer's Death**  
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KUCHING, April 7 (Bernama) -- Najib Tun Razak has directed police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission to conduct a thorough, transparent and professional investigation into the case of the customs officer found dead on the third floor of the MACC building in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The Prime Minister said today that there would be no attempt whatsoever to conceal anything in probing the death of the 56-year-old Selangor assistant customs director Ahmad Sarbani Mohamed.

He said that a detailed investigation was necessary to find out what really happened.

"What I was told was that he (Ahmad Sarbani) came to the MACC office voluntarily to amend a statement which he had given to the commission. He asked to amend his statement," Najib said.

"In the time MACC was calling the IO (investigating officer) for the case concerned, in the blink of an eye, it happened," he told reporters after launching the Sirim Smart Learning programme and presenting the SIRIM Robokit at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Santubong near here.

"This is different from the case of Teoh Beng Hock (the political aide whose death is being investigated by a royal commission)," Najib added.

Najib said that, unlike Teoh, Ahmad Sarbani had not been asked to come to the MACC office, but came on his own accord.

Asked about the possibility of a royal commission, he said that police should investigate the case first.

He said the MACC had been carrying out investigations to stop corruption that was costing the nation a lot of money.

"The government wants to clean up customs and save the people's money. If those involved can be arrested, the people are the beneficiaries. It was unexpected that such a thing would happen," Najib said referring to Ahmad Sarbani's death.

"We must remember the investigations are to save the rakyat's money and stop (corruption) that has been going on for years. This (corruption) must be stopped altogether and (those responsible) arrested," Najib said.

Najib said that MACC investigations might from time to time be interrupted but they must continue for the sake of the people.

Ahmad Sarbani was reported to have come to the first floor of the MACC Kuala Lumpur office in Jalan Cochrane yesterday when the incident occurred.

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