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> Stern action against those involved in misappropriation of government funds

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**PETALING JAYA:** The government will not compromise in any case of misappropriation involving government funds, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak warned yesterday.

"Stern action will be taken against those involved," he said in his latest blog posting.

Najib's statement came following suspected misappropriation of funds amounting to RM107 million by a senior officer of the Youth and Sports Ministry.

He said all ministries and government agencies need to constantly monitor each budget expenditure that has been allocated to them at the highest level of transparency and accountability.

He added that a comprehensive investigation needed to be conducted immediately and that the case would be referred to the Attorney-General's Chambers.

"The National Audit Department will also review and tighten procedures relating to the government's financial management," he said.

Najib said he viewed the case involving the Youth and Sports Ministry officer seriously as the government has taken measures to ensure there was no misappropriation or wastage in the government's administrative and financial affairs.

"This case is really disappointing as it has been happening for a number of years undetected," he added.

Najib said he also wanted the development of the case to be put up on the auditor-general's website <https://agdashboard.audit.gov.my> for public viewing.

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin revealed on Monday that the suspected misappropriation was allegedly made over many years in small amounts.

He had also called for an independent body to review the ministry's internal mechanisms and its channelling of funds following the arrest of the senior officer.

The senior officer was last Friday arrested by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on suspicion of being involved in a syndicate responsible for misappropriation of over RM100 million.

The senior officer has since been transferred out, Khairy said.

Meanwhile, Auditor-General Tan Sri Ambrin Buang has pledged to assist in the procurement process of the Youth and Sports Ministry following the suspected misappropriation of government funds.

His statement came just a day after Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ali Hamsa said he would study the process to see how such an incident, involving a large amount of money, could happen.

"We will assist as requested and submit our proposals to the chief secretary," he told *theSun* in a text reply yesterday.