

# All MPs must declare assets: Dr M

> **Opposition lawmakers included as they have 'power to criticise govt'**

**PUTRAJAYA:** The Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) has proposed that the National Anti-Corruption Plan include asset declaration in the key performance indicator of ministers, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

He said all ministers must also ensure that members of the administration under their ministries declare their assets to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

"All ministers and deputy ministers, and we will also extend it to all members of parliament, even if they are in the opposition," he told a press conference after chairing the eighth Cabinet Select Committee on Anti-Corruption here.

He said opposition members of parliament must also declare their assets as they also had certain powers, including the power to criticise the government.

He said the government would have to go through the Dewan Rakyat speaker before the initiative could be implemented.

Mahathir said all ministers must also draw up and implement a policy on accepting gifts in their ministries.

He said the ministers must sign an understanding to issue the instruction and ensure the policy on accepting gifts is implemented.



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Mahathir, Chief Secretary to the Government Dr Ismail Bakar (centre) and GIACC director Tan Sri Abu Kassim at the launch of My Portfolio, a workplace guideline to make the public sector more efficient, in Putrajaya yesterday. -BBXPIX

"Now you cannot accept a lot of gifts, when I was the (fourth) prime minister, I received 26 cars, so I returned them.

"If you want to see, go to (Galeri Perdana) Langkawi," he said jokingly.

Mahathir said at present members of the administration cannot accept gifts worth more than RM500, but they can accept gifts in the form of food and flowers.

Mahathir said all ministers must implement the anti-corruption plan at their organisations and ensure it is successfully developed.

The ministers must also chair a meeting to enforce governance, integrity and anti-corruption at the ministry level at least twice a year, he said.

Mahathir also said every minister must also

ensure the transparency of procurement and reduce the risk of corruption in their ministries.

He said the ministers must make sure that the information of the person who submit the successful tender through the open tender system and approved by the ministry procurement board for all categories of procurement is displayed on the myProcurement portal. - Bernama