

Boosting national integrity

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PM: Govt taking bold steps to clean up the nation

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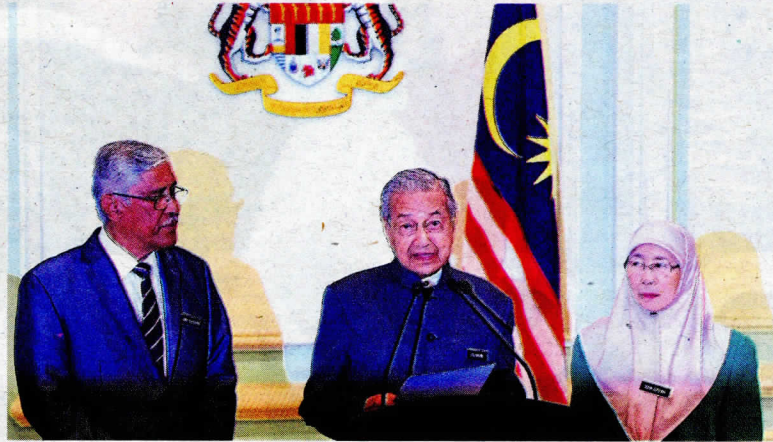
PUTRAJAYA: A special committee to look into complaints involving 20 enforcement agencies, and for the appointment of the anti-corruption head to go through the Constitutional process, are among the measures to further boost national integrity, says the Prime Minister.

The committee will look into public complaints against enforcement agencies, except the police, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said issues regarding the monitoring of the enforcement agencies were brought to the attention of the Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-Corruption.

This was raised in view of the possibility that the Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission could be upgraded to become the Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission (IPCMC).

"The rest of the enforcement agencies will be subjected to the monitoring of the (new special)



Moving the nation forward: Dr Mahathir speaking with DPM Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail Mohamad and director general of the National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption, Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed (left) in Putrajaya. — Bernama

committee as police has its own (monitoring body)," Dr Mahathir said yesterday.

The Prime Minister said the plan

was to convene the special committee soon, with its chairman to be decided later.

Dr Mahathir also said the Special

Cabinet Committee had agreed to a proposal from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) for the termination of service of its chief commissioner to be done through the Constitutional process.

"It was also decided that a study be made on the procedure to appoint the MACC chief so that it can also be a process via the Constitution.

"This is to ensure that the appointment is free from government interference and to ensure transparency and independence (of the MACC)," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the appointment of the MACC chief commissioner would go through a process under which Parliament would name candidates deemed fit for the job.

The final list of names would be given to the Prime Minister who will then identify a person whom he will recommend to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.