

National Anti-Corruption Strategies launched

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launched the National Anti-Corruption Strategies (NACS) 2024-2028, which aims to prevent corruption and improve governance and integrity in public service administration and government-linked companies.

NACS 2024-2028, which replaces the National Anti-Corruption Plan 2019-2023, is an important component of Malaysia's reform agenda that outlines core strategies to combat corruption in Malaysia.

Anwar said in his speech that the issue of corruption should not be taken lightly and all parties, including the public, should play a role in addressing it

"When we launch this (NACS) agenda, of course, the pillar is still the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), but it also involves the Inland Revenue Board, police force, Immigration Department, Customs and other agencies that need to ensure that this country will not repeat past

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mistakes, but rather be more determined to fight corruption.

"I have confidence in the MACC and Azam (MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki) who have been given the trust, mandate and support to fight corruption, regardless of rank and status so that the people get a clear message."

He said although there are parties attempting to thwart MACC's efforts to take action against those suspected of corruption and similar offences, it is the responsibility of all, including the younger generation, to save the country and safeguard the people.

"The issues of poverty eradication, dilapidated schools, hospitals and public facilities, as

well as the fate of fishermen, rubber smallholders and padi farmers - we can solve almost everything if we can save the country from uncontrolled greed and abuse of power and position."

He said a very powerful, committed, dedicated, courageous force and strong legislation are needed to fight graft.

Anwar said he believes that the majority of the people hate corruption but there is no denying that there are still a few who defend the abuse of power and corruption because the individuals involved are from influential and high-ranking groups, *Bernama* reported.

"This fight (against corruption) can be ugly. That's why it requires commitment, determination and

sincerity to save the country."

NACS encompasses five strategies involving education, public accountability, people's voice, enforcement and incentives.

Anwar said under the education strategy, children in schools and the people must be given education and training to be aware of the dangers of corruption.

"Under the public accountability strategy, this shall not be shouldered by MACC or the Cabinet alone, this is our business."

He said as for the people's voice strategy, it could shape government policies and provide the support needed by implementing officers.

Anwar said under the enforcement strategy, enforcement officers need to be bold, brave and efficient in performing their duties.

He said under the incentive strategy, there should be rewards for either officers, civil servants or the public who cooperate in ensuring the success of the efforts (to combat corruption).