

MACC probe into Ismail Sabri's ex-officers lauded

KUALA LUMPUR: Anti-graft watchdogs have lauded the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's (MACC) probe into alleged money laundering and abuse of power by former prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob's ex-aides, saying corruption should not be protected on the basis of politics or office.

Malaysian Corruption Watch (MCW) president Jais Abdul Karim said the probe reflected MACC's continued efforts to combat corruption regardless of an individual's position.

"MCW fully supports the ongoing investigation and emphasises that integrity and transparency in the country's administration must be prioritised.

"Any abuse of power or misappropriation of public funds should be addressed firmly to ensure public trust in government institutions is not eroded," he said.

He also called for the MACC to ensure an independent, fair and

transparent investigation while providing regular case updates to the public.

He also called for the strengthening of preventive mechanisms, as the case highlighted the need for improved checks and balances in managing public funds.

"All leaders and civil servants must remember that the trust given by the people should not be misused for personal gain or the benefit of certain groups," he said.

Meanwhile, the Centre to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4 Centre) chief executive officer

Pushpan Murugiah echoed the call for transparent investigations, saying credible allegations of corruption must be pursued by enforcement agencies.

"There is no limitation period for investigating and prosecuting corruption. The MACC should probe past corruption cases, particularly if those involved continue to benefit from illicit activities," he said.



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