

PM orders thorough probe into death of Customs officer

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has ordered the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to conduct a thorough investigation into the death of a senior Customs officer who fell from the MACC office building in Jalan Cochrane, Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

He said the investigation would determine what actually happened to Ahmad Sarbani Mohamed, 56, who was a state Customs assistant director based in Port Klang.

Ahmad Sarbani was among 63 Customs officers being investigated by the MACC for alleged corruption and graft.

"The report I got is that the deceased had gone to the MACC on his own accord to change his statement. The incident happened not during an investigation," Najib added.

"I hope the investigation on the incident will be comprehensive so that the people will know what actually happened," he told reporters after launching a programme in SMK Santubong, Sarawak, Thursday.

The Prime Minister also defended the MACC's investigations on the Customs department, saying it was to save the country's money.

Asked if a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) would be set up to investigate the matter, Najib said the police and MACC should be allowed to investigate first.

Meanwhile, 73 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have called for the immediate setting up of an RCI to investigate the matter.

They also called for MACC investigations [director Datuk Mustafar Ali](#) and all officers involved in the case to be suspended immediately.

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