

Najib: Hand financial info linked to graft to MACC
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KUALA LUMPUR: Anyone in possession of confidential financial information relating to corruption must relay it to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) instead of releasing it to the public, which will run them afoul of the law, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Referring to the charge against PKR director of strategy Rafizi Ramli, who claimed trial on Wednesday for revealing confidential banking details linked to the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) scandal, Najib said the Banking and Financial Institutions Act (Bafia) was put in place to protect the integrity and credibility of the financial system.

"Anyone who has an account in the financial system must feel well-protected," Najib said when asked about the charge against Rafizi.

He was speaking to reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting at party headquarters here.

Najib said that unless there was confidence in the confidentiality of information in the financial sector, investors, including those from overseas, would not invest in Malaysia.

Although legislation, such as Bafia, was meant to ensure that the financial system was secure, Najib said it did not mean that the Government condoned any act of corruption or money laundering.

"You can reveal the information to the appropriate authorities," he said.

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