

'Conclude 1MDB investigations in the shortest time possible'

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KUALA LUMPUR, Investigations into 1 Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) must be conducted in an independent, transparent and professional manner without any interference from any third parties on the Special Task Force.

In a statement, the five independent oversight panels of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) also called for a thorough investigation and for the results to be made public as soon as possible.

They said this was to reduce the widening gap in the level of perception and confidence.

The five panels are the Special Committee on Corruption, Anti-Corruption Advisory Board, Operations Review Panel, Complaints Committee and Consultation and Corruption Prevention Panel.

"In view of the current developments in the country, the panels strongly urge the investigations be concluded in the shortest time possible."

The panels also said that MACC and the Special Task Force to probe 1MDB should be given the widest scope and should be able to conduct their investigations without any fear or favour.

It also urged that in giving legal advice and guidance to the task force, the Attorney-General should provide clear updates on developments in the investigations.

This, the panels explained, was to prevent negative perceptions of the agencies in the task force.

"This is important in view of the fact that MACC's task is focused only on issues related to SRC International, a former subsidiary of 1MDB, while the 1MDB is being investigated by other bodies."

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