

**Establish Watchdog To Curb Graft, Says Perkasa  
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KUALA LUMPUR, (Bernama) -- Perkasa has suggested that the government set up a special unit, comprising eminent community leaders and representatives of the government and the opposition, to monitor, detect and eradicate corruption.

Its Supreme Council member Azrul Akmal Saharudin said it could help the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to check corrupt practices in the country.

"The unit can monitor enforcement bodies or agencies like the police, Immigration, Customs, local authorities, Road Transport Department, as well as other critical and strategic government agencies," he told Bernama, today.

Azrul Akmal, who is also Perkasa's Monitoring and Integrity Bureau Secretary, said corruption should not be viewed lightly because of its wide implications in every aspect of the administration and society.

"Corruption can place the nation in a very precarious situation... life can turn chaotic while the image and reputation of the administration can be brought to ruin. In short, any government and civilisation can fall to pieces as a result of corruption," he said.

Referring to recent media reports of alleged misappropriation of funds by a government agency in its purchase of properties in Australia, Azrul Akmal said if the allegations were proven to be true, it would be a blow to all parties, particularly the people.

"No matter who they are - the offeror, recipient or middleman - stiff punishment should be meted out to all those involved. We can't compromise with corrupt practices as their effects can wreak havoc on the community and ruin the nation," he said.

On June 24, Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) Chairman Tan Sri Annuar Musa said the agency would carry out an internal audit and assist the MACC in investigations into its subsidiary, Mara Incorporated Sdn Bhd, with regard to the questionable deals in the purchase of properties in Melbourne involving its senior officials.

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