

Corruption claims in Mara's Melbourne deal will be investigated, says Najib
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Claims of corruption in a Mara property purchase in Melbourne, Australia, will be thoroughly investigated, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday.

"The authorities here will conduct comprehensive investigations into the claims, and if any wrongdoing is found, action will be taken," he said in a statement on his Facebook and Twitter sites.

Australian newspaper The Age reported yesterday that a high-ranking Mara official, a senior official of the government-linked company and a former politician had spent millions of government funds to buy an apartment block in Melbourne and had received kickbacks.

It said "a group of very rich Malaysians" had overpaid A\$4.75 million (RM13.8 million) for the apartment block in the city.

The trio allegedly asked for the price of the building known as Dudley International House to be marked up from A\$17.8 million to A\$22.5 million (RM65.3 million) and pocketed the difference.

Dudley International House was bought to serve as a hostel for Mara students studying in Monash University. – Bernama, June 24, 2015.

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