

Ex-MACC Officers Association Welcomes Zahid's Decision

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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 9 (Bernama)-- The Association of Former Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Officers has welcomed the statement by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi that no further action will be taken on MACC officers who have given or will give statements to the police unless they were found to have committed a criminal offence.

Last Friday, Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, said the action by the police taken on MACC officers was only to get statements connected to leakage of classified information on social media.

In a statement Sunday, the president of the association, Datuk Razak Idris said he also welcomed the statement by the Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar in Penang last night to temporarily postpone police investigations involving the MACC pertaining to information leaks which were published in the Sarawak Report portal.

"I really hope this latest development will become reality for the sake of harmony between the police and MACC, and for the morale of the MACC officers," he said.

He added that he hoped the two MACC officers who were arrested recently and later released on bail in connection with the case, would be freed without any action taken against them so that they could continue their duties as normal. "All parties accept the fact that MACC and the police have their own roles to play for the sake of the country.

"I have many friends who are ex-MACC and police officers, who always share information on current issues," he said.

As such, he said, he hoped no party will make use of this opportunity to worsen the situation or add pressure.

"We must give room to the MACC officers to do their job freely and professionally.

"I also take this opportunity to propose that the Anti-Corruption Officers Service Commission be set up immediately so that the independence of the MACC is assured.

Razak also said the association wanted the decision to transfer MACC Special Operations Division director Datuk Bahri Mohamad Zin and Strategic Communications Division director Datuk Rohaizad Yaacob to the Prime Minister's Department be immediately withdrawn to prevent any negative and unhealthy perceptions about the government.

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