

**MACC To Record Statement From PM - Abu Kassim**  
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JOHOR BAHRU, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) will record a statement from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak soon in connection with the investigations into SRC International and the RM2.6 billion political fund.

MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed said the commission had contacted the Prime Minister's Office over the matter and the prime minister had agreed to have his statement recorded.

"The MACC is waiting for a date to interview him (Najib) on the issues related to the investigations."

Abu Kassim said this to reporters after the passing-out parade involving MACC officers who completed the Basic Training Programme Series 16 No. 2/2024 and Series 17 No. 3/2014, here, today.

He said the MACC targeted to complete its investigation into the SRC International case before the year-end on condition it could have access to two SRC International directors, who were important witnesses but were still abroad, for their statements to be recorded.

"Nevertheless, this does not prevent the MACC from calling the prime minister to give his statement," he added.

According to Abu Kassim, the MACC was conducting the investigations covering all aspects and its officers were working very hard to complete the investigation papers within the time targeted.

On the investigation into the RM2.6 billion political fund, he said the MACC needed more time to complete the investigation as most of the transactions occurred overseas, and this required the process of Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA).

"The MACC needs time to obtain the cooperation of several parties overseas."

Abu Kassim said while the MACC wanted to quickly complete the investigations into SRC International and the RM2.6 billion political fund, it would not compromise with regard to the evidence and important witnesses.

He also said that the MACC would inform on the status of the investigations from time to time to the independent bodies monitoring the commission.

As an independent commission, he said, the MACC took into consideration the hopes of all parties concerned, including the Conference of Rulers which had issued a statement on the matter in early October.

"The MACC assures that the investigations will be carried out independently, transparently and professionally based on the MACC Act 2009," he added.

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