

MACC denies targeting Najib to boost public image
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has denied fugitive blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin's claims that it is "out to get" Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to boost its public image.

MACC strategic communications director Rohaizad Yaakob said SRC International and the RM2.6 billion deposited into Najib's accounts were among several cases that warranted investigation under the MACC Act 2009.

He said the people had restored their faith in MACC from 2009, before it began investigations into Najib.

"MACC also stresses that MACC is 'not out to get the prime minister' as claimed by Raja Petra Kamarudin to boost its credibility and public confidence.

"MACC does not depend on a case involving the prime minister to bolster public confidence," said Rohaizad in a statement.

He said MACC has a "duty and the moral responsibility" to carry a comprehensive investigation into the two cases involving the prime minister.

Raja Petra on his blog Malaysia Today yesterday said it appeared that the MACC was building positive perception by going after Najib, and by doing so it had managed to boost its credibility rating by 30%.

He questioned whether a case against Najib truly existed, or if it was "just a game" to create the perception that MACC was serious about combating corruption.

In response, Rohaizad said the public confidence level in MACC increased from 31% in 2009 to 68% in 2014, more than one-fold increase since 2009.

He said the commission was independent and carried out its investigation transparently and professionally.

"Since the formation of MACC in 2009, the MACC's transformation programme was carried out to strengthen its anti-corruption operation strategies, human capital management, and efforts to prevent graft.

"Various strategies and approaches were implemented including engagement with stakeholders to enhance the commission's performance holistically.

"This increases the transparency and professionalism of MACC's investigation process, which ultimately will increase public confidence in the commission's ability to combat corruption."

He added that MACC's achievements and successes in the last few years were formidable proof it was heading in the right direction.

Rohaizad also said MACC is guided by five independent oversight bodies, as stipulated in the MACC Act 2009. – November 1, 2015.

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