

MACC is independent, not subordinate to A-G, says Dr Mahathir
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is baffled that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is taking orders from Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali, who had directed it to close its investigations into the RM2.6 billion donation and SRC International cases.

The country's longest serving prime minister said that he thought the MACC was an independent body.

"Now it seems it is subordinate to the A-G and it takes orders from him. No wonder Malaysia is included among the 10 most corrupt countries in the world. The anti-corruption agency is not free," he wrote today in a blog post commenting on the A-G's decision to clear Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak of any criminal wrongdoing after a six month investigation.

Sources close to the investigations told The Malaysian Insider that MACC had recommended Najib be charged with criminal misappropriation, but A-G Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali had said there was insufficient evidence.

Dr Mahathir today reiterated today what he had said earlier about the graft busting agency's findings.

"I was right when I predicted that the A-G will reject the report by the MACC as he did with the report by Bank Negara," he wrote.

Dr Mahathir said a lot of people must know the contents of both reports but was afraid to do anything about it.

He said they all knew what would happen to anyone who lodged a police report and many had been spooked by it he said without naming anyone.

Dr Mahathir was believed to be referring to sacked Umno leader Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan who had earlier lodged police reports on 1MDB and ended up being detained under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (Sosma) with his lawyer Mathias Chang.

"I am scared too. In Malaysia today, laws and rules no longer protect the people. The OSA for example is used to prevent reports from reaching the people. On the other hand people are now exposed to abuse of the OSA and they may end up in jail. Even the ISA did not frighten people as much," he declared. – January 27, 2015

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