

Najib: Go ahead and probe

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ACA can investigate money politics in Umno, says DPM

KUALA LUMPUR: The Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) can investigate money politics in Umno if there is a breach of the law, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said yesterday.

If the allegation of money politics or abuse of power did not involve a contravention of

federal laws, it would come under the purview of the Umno disciplinary board and the party, he told a news conference after launching a leadership course for Umno overseas clubs here.

Najib was commenting on ACA director-general Datuk Seri Zulkipli Mat Noor's remarks

that the agency could investigate cases of money politics if there was evidence of vote buying during party elections.

Asked to comment on a news report yesterday that the ACA was keeping tabs on more than 1,500 individuals in the public and private sectors who were living beyond their means, he

said the Government was serious in dealing with corruption.

Najib said the Government had entrusted the ACA to investigate any complaint of bribery and it was up to the agency to conduct an investigation on any report or allegation.

"If the ACA wants to investigate, we leave it to the ACA to

investigate ... that's their duty," he said, adding that even if there was information on bribery, every allegation had to be probed before any action could be taken.

"We can't point our fingers without probing ... for sure we've got to have strong evidence," Najib said. — Bernama