

Let Independent Third Party Investigate the IGP's Claims

Gabungan Bertindak Malaysia (GBM) urges the government to initiate a thorough investigation on the claims by Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Bador that there were corrupt practices from the bottom to the top in the police force and that there was a cartel within the police force who intended to dominate the force and topple him.

GBM applauds the IGP's honesty when commenting on the issue of corruption and that the corruption within the police force was under control. We concur with the IGP that while ambitions and career prospects are not in itself bad, it should never be through illegal and unlawful means. We however urge the IGP to reconsider his position that an internal investigation is sufficient.

This revelation from the highest-ranking police officer of Malaysia is shocking as it is revealing. It does not augur well for a law enforcement institution. Major reforms are therefore needed to restore the integrity of the police force. The challenge is to restore public trust and confidence in PDRM.

We therefore urge for an independent probe by another agency such as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to be considered seriously. We also believe that a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) should be established with its subsequent findings to be made public.

The claims by the IGP also give further weight to the proposal to set up an Independent Police Complaints of Misconduct Commission (IPCMC). We urge the government to reconsider its decision to drop the proposed IPCMC in favour of an Independent Police Conduct Commission (IPCC). We believe the IPCMC should be instituted so as to prevent the propriety of the police force from being tarnished by a minority of irresponsible officers.

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