NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PLAN –
The Way Forward In The Fight Against Corruption

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Before Malaya was formed

Under British Govt. (1826-1957)
Prevention of Corruption Ordinance (1950)
Setting up The Commission Of Enquiry into the Integrity Of Public Service

ACA was set up -1967

**1980s:** Formation of JKKMPK

Special Cabinet Committee on Government Management (JKKMPK)

To establish a government administration and public service that is efficient, disciplined and imbued with the highest integrity by enhancing noble values.

1991: Dr. M Vision 2020

9 strategic challenges encompassing economy, social, political, values & ethics and nation dignity.

4th Challenge: Establishing a fully moral and ethical society.

2004: Establishment of IIM & National Integrity Plan

primary focus on cultivating ethical culture and integrity among all walks of life of Malaysia.

2009-2014: Formation of National Committees on Integrity

2009-2014: Establishment of IIM & National Integrity Plan

2013: Minister Responsible for Governance & Integrity

Portfolio: Implementing policies on good governance practices and strengthening of transparency and accountability of country.

2015-2017: Establishment of Govt. Agencies (Governance & Integrity Policy)

Governance & Integrity Division (BITU) (2015)
Governance & Integrity Dept. (JITN) (2017)

National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC) (2018)

2019-2023: National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP)

115 initiatives based on 6 Priority Areas
LOOK BACK AT MALAYSIA BEFORE 9TH MAY 2018….

Let us look back at some of the key events leading up to this crucial moment of 9th May 2018….
Malaysia has set up a special task force that will look into the possible criminal conduct of individuals involved in the management of state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB),
Gani says in the dark over sudden termination
Malaysia faces anxious succession as top banker Zeti service was not extended
PETALING JAYA: Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed (pix) is stepping down as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief commissioner on Aug 1 – two years before his contract ends on Dec 4, 2018.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ali Hamsa said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong has consented to the application by Abu Kassim, 55, to step down from the post by serving a one-month notice. However, Ali, in a statement, said Abu Kassim would continue to serve as an anti-corruption service officer until his mandatory retirement on Dec 6, 2020.
LOOK BACK AT MALAYSIA BEFORE 9TH MAY 2018….

Malaysia labelled 'kleptocracy'

A Global Financial Integrity (GFI) report has estimated that Malaysia lost up to about US$431 billion (RM1.8 trillion) in illicit outflows between 2005 and 2014. The Washington DC based think tank estimated illicit financial outflows from Malaysia at around 6-10% of the value of Malaysia’s trade of US$443.2 billion for the year 2014, i.e. between US$26.6 billion and US$44.3 billion.
OUR JOURNEY TO THE NEW MALAYSIA...

MAY 9TH 2018
THE DAY
MALAYSIANS
FINALLY OPENED
THEIR

AND SAVED
THE NATION!
Malaysia sets up new task force to investigate 1MDB
Malaysian police seize 72 bags of cash, jewels in Najib Razak raids

By Euan McKirdy, CNN

Updated 0602 GMT (1402 HKT) May 18, 2018
ITEMS SEIZED FROM NAJIB-LINKED RESIDENCES

JEWELLERY

- 1,600 Bracelets
- 2,200 Rings
- 2,800 Pairs of earrings
- 1,400 Necklaces
- 2,100 Bangles
- 14 Tiaras

OTHERS

- 567 Handbags
  (Including Hermes, Prada, Chanel, custom-made Bijan)
- 423 Watches
  (Including Rolex, Chopard, Richard Mille)
- 234 Sunglasses
- Cash
  RM 116.7 million

TOTAL:
RM900m - RM1.1b
FORMER PRIME MINISTER NAJIB RAZAK - CHARGES

- 5 counts of corruption
- 9 counts of Criminal Breach of Trust
- 28 counts of Money Laundering

Amount involved is more than RM9 billion (USD2 Billion)
August 8, 2018, former Prime Minister Najib Razak was charged with three more money laundering offences over the transfer of RM42 million from SRC International into his bank account.
Najib charged with RM42 million CBT, abuse of power
July 4, 2018
September 20, 2018, former Prime Minister Najib Razak was charged with 4 charges under Section 23 and Section 24 Malaysian Anti Corruption Act 2009 by Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) and 21 charges under Section (4) (1) AMLATFA 2001 by Royal Malaysian Police (RMP)
EIGHT MONEY-LAUNDERING CHARGES AGAINST JHO LOW

1) DEC 26, 2013 - Received US$62.299 million from the account of DLA Piper US LLP into his account at BSI Bank Ltd in Singapore

2) FEB 4, 2014 - Receiving US$56.449 million from the account of his father in BSI Singapore into his BSI account

3) JUNE 3, 2014 - Receiving monies amounting to US$142 million from the account of Alpha Synergy Ltd in BSI Lugano Switzerland into his BSI Singapore account

4) JAN 7, 2014 - Transferring €19.9 million from his account in BSI Singapore into the account of World View Ltd, Cayman Islands, in Caledonian Bank Ltd

5) FEB 5, 2014 - Transferring €1 million from his account in BSI Singapore into the account of World View Ltd, Cayman Islands, in Caledonian Bank Ltd

6) FEB 18, 2014 - Transferring €17.5 million from his account in BSI Singapore into the account of World View Ltd, Cayman Islands, in Caledonian Bank Ltd

7) APRIL 2, 2014 - Transferring €2.7 million from his account in BSI Singapore into the account of World View Ltd, Cayman Islands, in Caledonian Bank Ltd

8) JUNE 3, 2014 - Transferring US$140.636 million from his account in BSI Singapore into the account of World View Ltd, Cayman Islands, in Caledonian Bank Ltd
## Rosmah Mansor's 17 Charges

### 12 Charges of Depositing Illicit Funds in Her Affin Bank Account

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<td>in 87 transactions between 28 Jan 2016 and 7 Nov 2016</td>
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<td>RM30,000</td>
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Charges are under the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

### 5 Charges for Failure to Declare:

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Charges are under the Income Tax Act 1967.
Ahmad Zahid facing 45 charges

PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who will be facing 45 charges in court will be the second top-level leader from Umno to face legal battle since the May 9 general election.

His charging today comes nearly a month after former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was charged with another 25 counts of money laundering on Sept 20 – bringing the total charges against Najib at 32 for money laundering, bribery and criminal breach of trust.
13 September 2018 Shafee Abdullah, lawyer to the former prime Minister Najib Razak was charged with four charges of receiving money from the proceeds of illegal activities under Section 4 (1) (b) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act (AMLA) 2001.
Cases Related to 1MDB (1MDB’s Bailout)

NAJIB, IRWAN TO BE IN THE DOCK TODAY

They will answer 6 charges of criminal breach of trust.

Rosmah, sons to be questioned tomorrow

6 CHARGES, RM6 BILLION

DATUK SERI Najib Razak and ex-Treasury sec-gen Tan Sri Dr Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah are expected to jointly face at least six CBT charges involving RM6 billion. Four are linked to 1MDB’s dealings with PIC, while the other two are related to the ECLR and a pipeline project linked to SSER.

MEANWHILE...

MACC raids Irwan’s home

RAYA LAMPUK: Rosmah Mansor and her two sons, Ahmad Fawaz and Ahmad Faris, were served with an order for the raid on their house in Jalan Ampang here today. This was Low’s first tow.

Low said the order of recovery against both Rosmah and the sons was granted by the High Court in Kuala Lumpur on Jan 6 last year.

The order was based on the summons the MACC issued to Rosmah, Ahmad Fawaz and Ahmad Faris for the recovery of RM6.4 million they are to answer to.

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Ku Nan faces two graft charges

PUTRAJAYA: Former Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, who will be charged with at least two counts of corruption, is the third Cabinet minister from the previous administration to be hauled to court since May 9.
Musa Aman at MACC, expected to be charged for RM243mil in bribes

PUTRAJAYA: Former Sabah chief minister Tan Sri Musa Aman is expected to face up to 35 charges of corruption when he is brought to court today (Monday, Nov 5).

He is expected to be charged in connection with several cases involving timber concessions in Sabah.
Umno MP Bung Moktar claims trial to taking RM2.8m bribe as Felcra director (VIDEO)

Published 2 weeks ago on 03 May 2019
By Ida Lim

Datuk Seri Bung Moktar Radin arrives at the Kuala Lumpur Courts Complex May 3, 2019. — Picture by Shafwan Zaidon
Abdul Azeez facing 13 graft, money-laundering charges

NATION

Wednesday, 16 Jan 2019

By Mazwin Nik Anis

PUTRAJAYA: Prosecutors are set to slap Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Rahim with 13 charges of corruption and money laundering involving more than RM140mil when he is brought to court today.

Also to be charged is the Baling MP’s older brother, Datuk Abdul Latif.
Isa Samad slapped with 10 corruption charges involving over RM3mil

KUALA LUMPUR: Former Felda chairman Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad (pic) has claimed trial at a Sessions Court here to a charge of criminal breach of trust and nine counts of receiving graft involving more than RM3mil.
Former spy chief claims trial to CBT involving RM50.4 million

By Nor Ain Mohamed Radhi - October 25, 2019 @ 12:22 pm

KUALA LUMPUR: Former Malaysian External Intelligence Organisation (MEO) director-general Dato' Hasnahah Abdul Hamid has claimed trial to criminal breach of trust (CBT) involving USD12 million (RM50.4 million).

The 61-year-old Hasnahah was charged before Sessions Court judge Azman Ahmad. Hasnahah, in her capacity as the director-general of the research department - a department under...
PLEDGES MADE BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT...
The Prime Minister, when sharing with the people the efforts Pakatan had taken after taking over the government from Barisan Nasional on May 9, said the new Government wanted Malaysia to be known for integrity and not corruption.

"These efforts called for a drastic integrated and comprehensive plan. The government commitment was to achieve the principle of wanting Malaysia to be known for integrity and not corruption," he said in his address on "The 100 Days of the Pakatan Harapan Government" broadcast to the nation on Friday.
Efforts Undertaken by New Government – 100 Days

Towards this objective, he said, several matters had been implemented so far, including:

a. Establishing a Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-Corruption (JKKMAR).

b. Establishing the Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) to enable the efforts to save Malaysia from corruption to be implemented immediately, effectively and comprehensively.

The GIACC has been given the mandate to hold meetings with all the secretaries-general of ministries to identify the risks of corruption based on the issues identified by their respective organisations.
STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN COUNTRY’S INSTITUTIONS

Among them:
- Setting up of the Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-Corruption
- Launching the National Centre for Governance, Integrity & Anti-Corruption
- Launching the National Anti-Corruption Plan 2019-2023
- Empowerment of the Election Commission & Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission
- Assets declaration by members of the Cabinet & Pakatan Harapan members of Parliament
- Abolishing the practice of issuing recommendation letters
- Restoring Parliament’s dignity, and the setting up of six select committees which are essential for check and balance of the executive branch

Amending the Federal Constitution & certain Acts for new initiatives, which include:
- Limiting the Prime Minister’s term to 2 terms
- Separation of responsibilities of the Attorney-General & the Public Prosecutor
- Reforms of the MACC which include the appointment of its chief commissioner via a parliamentary select committee
- Drafting the Independent Police Complaints & Misconduct Commission bill
- Preparing of guidelines by Ministry of Finance on the criteria in appointing the chairman & board of directors of GLCs & subsidiary companies
PM CHAIRED SPECIAL CABINATE COMMITTEE ON ANTI CORRUPTION
NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PLAN
2019-2023
PUTRAJAYA (Jan 29): The government has identified six priority areas to be addressed under its five-year National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP).

"Today we have launched the NACP, which is an important step for the future of the country. We are focusing on several important areas in our move to cleanse Malaysia," said Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the launch of the plan today.

Hoping to be rid of ‘kleptocracy’ label with NACP
NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PLAN (2019-2023)
6 PRIORITY AREAS

- Political Governance
- Public Sector Administration
- Corporate Governance
- Public Procurement
- Law Enforcement
- Legal and Judicial
NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PLAN (2019-2023)

6 STRATEGIES

1. POLITICAL GOVERNANCE
   STRATEGY 1: Strengthening political integrity and accountability

2. PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATION
   STRATEGY 2: Strengthening the effectiveness of Public Service Delivery

3. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
   STRATEGY 3: Increasing the efficiency and transparency in Public Procurement

4. LEGAL AND JUDICIAL
   STRATEGY 4: Enhancing the credibility of legal and judicial system

5. LAW ENFORCEMENT
   STRATEGY 5: Institutionalizing the credibility of law enforcement agency

6. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
   STRATEGY 6: Inculcating good governance in corporate entity
NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION PLAN (2019-2023)

HIGHLIGHTS

STRATEGIES

OBJECTIVE STRATEGIES

INITIATIVES

SHORT TERM  JAN-DEC 2019

MID TERM  JAN-DEC 2020

LONG TERM  JAN-DEC 2023
### MALAYSIA’S KEY INITIATIVES ON GOVERNANCE, INTEGRITY & ANTI-CORRUPTION

| 1. | JKKMAR | The formation of Cabinet Special Committee on Anti-Corruption (JKKMAR) chaired by the Prime Minister to mobilize the government policies on governance, integrity and anti-corruption. |
| 2. | Appointment As Chairman | Politicians will be abstained from being appointed as chairperson or member of board directors of any Government Linked-Companies (GLC). |
| 3. | Asset Declaration | Asset declaration to be done by Members of the Government Administration and Members of Parliament without any exception. |
| 4. | Political Donation | A Political Donation Bill will be drafted to enhance the integrity of the country’s political system. |
| 5. | Gift policy | Improvement on the mechanism pertaining to the acceptance of gifts, entertainment and payment by Members of Administration and civil servants. |
| 6. | Support Letter | Members of Administration can no longer issue supporting letters on any projects or applications. Heads of departments are also requested to no longer assume supporting letters as directives or decisions of Members of Administration. |
MALAYSIA’S KEY INITIATIVES ON GOVERNANCE, INTEGRITY & ANTI-CORRUPTION

7. Misconduct of Public Officers
   Forming a law for Misconduct of Public Officers that enables punitive actions to be taken against officers who deliberately cause leakages and wastage of Government’s funds.

8. Border Security
   Enhancing the governance and integrity in border security management by focusing on the followings:
   • To integrate all enforcement agencies under one authority for a more effective border management.
   • To improve the laws, systems and procedures of internal control at the borders.

9. MACC Reform
   The appointment mechanism of the Chief Commissioner for MACC to be more transparent and considered by the Parliament Select Committee on Anti-Corruption prior to submission by the Prime Minister to His Majesty YDP Agong for appointment.
   • A specific and separate budget policy will be established for MACC.
   • Parliamentary Select Committee to take over the role of Special Committee on Anti-Corruption as the independent body monitoring MACC at parliamentary level.

10. Integrity of Parliamentary
   Restore the integrity of parliamentary institutions and amongst the initial initiatives that have been carried out include:
   • the opposition MP’s are appointed as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee;
   • efforts on institutionalizing the House of Commons Election Committee System;
   • re-introduce the Parliamentary Service Act 1963;
   • MACC report is debated and conducted through Parliamentary Select Committee.
**MALAYSIA’S KEY INITIATIVES ON GOVERNANCE, INTEGRITY & ANTI-CORRUPTION**

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| 11. | Strengthening the independence of the National Audit Department by placing them under the Parliament with wider autonomy. | Establishing the National Financial Crime Centre (NFCC) as a competent agency at the national level responsible for the management of assets seized, sealed and forfeited. | Strengthening the integrity initiative and promoting the theme “Malaysia, to be known for its integrity and not corruption.”  
• Malaysia will adopt the recommendations of the UNCAC Assessment Team on corruption prevention efforts.  
• The government agrees to have a lead agency to steer every initiative related to the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) together with Public Service Department, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia Investment Development Agency, Malaysia Productivity Centre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Communications and Multimedia and several other agencies. |
GIACC is responsible to monitor and coordinate the 223 out of 256 recommendations made by Institutional Reform Committee (IRC).

14. Establishing a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) to investigate the issue of the existence of human trafficking camps and graves in Wang Kelian, Perlis.

15. Improve transparency and budget integrity and budgeting process.

16. Enhancing corruption-related governance on corruption prevention through:
   - National involvement through ISO / TC 309 international standard bodies for governance of organizations;
   - Requiring ABMS certification to be accredited by the Department of Standards Malaysia.

17. Ensure that government procurement systems generate maximum benefits for people's money - proposed improvements on procurement methods, selection criteria and consultancy evaluation.

18. Beneficial Ownership
   - Beneficial Ownership In Government Procurement

19. ABMS Certification
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MALAYSIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS THUS FAR IN 2019
ASIAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ASSOCIATION (ACGA)

Ranked 4th place in 2018 (up 3 spots from 2016)

PETAJING JAYA: Malaysia emerged as the biggest gainer in the 2018 CG Watch report, climbing three spots to the fourth spot, after having ranked seventh when the report was last published in 2016. The 2018 CG Watch report published by the Asian Corporate Governance Association (ACGA) and CLSA in December of the 12 Asia-Pacific economies in terms of transparency.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has made the biggest gain in this year’s Association’s (ACGA) survey, rising three spots to fourth place. The 2018 CG Watch report ranked Malaysia fourth out of 12 Asia-Pacific economies in terms of market accountability and transparency, said Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng.

“This is a significant improvement from seventh place in 2016 when the report was previously published. This means Malaysia is the biggest 2018 gainer among regional rivals that include Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore,” Guan Eng said in a statement.
PRESS FREEDOM INDEX

 Ranked 123th place in 2019, score: 36.74 (up 22 spots from 2018)

M'sia climbs 22 places in Press Freedom Index due to May 9

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has moved up 22 places to 123rd among 180 countries, in the World Press Freedom Index.

The country has lowered its global score by 10.67 points this year in the list compiled by Paris-based independent non-governmental organisation Reporters Sans Frontières or Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

A higher score reflects deteriorating press and media freedom.

Malaysia is also at the top among Southeast Asian nations, followed by Indonesia at 174th, with the Philippines and Thailand at 134th and 136th places, respectively.

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia has jumped 22 places to 123rd in the latest World Press Freedom Index, compiled by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

Malaysia lowered its score by 10.67 points to 36.74 points in 2018. A lower score indicates better press freedom.

Malaysia is at the top of the rankings among countries in the South East Asian region, followed by Indonesia (124th), Philippines (134th), Thailand (136th), Myanmar (138th), Cambodia (143rd), Singapore (151st), Brunei (152nd), Laos (171st), and Vietnam (176th).

The latest index, which was released on Thursday (April 18), takes into account scores and rankings of 180 countries.
PETALING JAYA: Malaysians are now showing trust in the government, in contrast to just a year ago, according to a recent international survey.

According to the 19th Annual Edelman Trust Barometer Global Report, the Malaysian government is currently at a “trusted” level, achieving an score of 60 points compared to "distrusted" with just 46 points last year – an increase of 14 points.

An index of 1 to 49 is classified as "Distrust", 50 to 59 is "Neutral", while 60 to 100 is "Trust".
DEMOCRACY INDEX

Ranked 52nd place in 2018, score: 6.88 (up 7 spots from 2017)

PETALING JAYA: A global annual index on democracy has maintained Malaysia’s placing under its “flawed democracy” category despite the historic general election last year.

The Democracy Index 2018, commissioned by UK-based financial magazine The Economist, however, pushed Malaysia’s ranking by seven places to 52nd this year with a score of 6.88 considered as above the world average, according to FMT.

“The improvement was most significant for Malaysia and Afghanistan. Both countries successfully held major elections in 2018,” said a report accompanying the index, which is focused on political participation. Malaysia’s score of 6.88 continues a trend of improving democracy in the last 12 years, from a low of 5.88 in 2006, which placed it under the “hybrid regime” category.

FIRST, the good news. In case anybody underestimates the significance of our general election last May, it is worth noting that in the recently released Democracy Index 2018, Malaysia’s overall score improved from 6.54 to 6.88.

This pushed up our global and regional ranks from 59th and 9th to 52nd and 8th. The index describes Malaysia as one of Asia’s “clear bright spots” in the democratic domain.
MALAYSIA’S GENERAL PERFORMANCE:

18 March 2019 - Malaysia ranks 2nd in Southeast Asia for trade connectivity

- Malaysia has maintained its strong position globally, ranking second highest in Southeast Asia and 12th out of 169 countries for trade connectivity, says the DHL Global Connectedness Index (GCI) report

09 February 2019 - Malaysia ranks 2nd in S-E Asia intellectual property index

- The US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC), in its seventh annual international intellectual property (IP) index, ranks Malaysia second in Southeast Asia

10 November 2018 - Malaysia ranks 4th in cost of obtaining electricity

- Malaysia leapt nine places to 15th spot from 24th previously among 190 economies worldwide in the World Bank's "Doing Business 2019 Report" last week, a resounding testimony of the ongoing reforms in the country
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