

TO : Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

27 March 2026

MEMORANDUM :

WARISAN demands full explanation on the delay of investigation of other implicated persons in the Sabah Mining Scandal

1. We, members of the Sabah legislative assembly (representatives of Parti Warisan), are greatly concerned by the deafening silence from the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on the probe development of Sabah Mining Scandal.
2. The most recent news article coming from the MACC was a statement made by its Chief Commissioner, Tan Sri Azam Baki on 28 November 2025, announcing that the graft agency had detained three individuals involved in the mining scandal. Prior to this detention, it is widely reported that the number of people implicated in the scandal has reached to fifteen, including the speaker of Sabah legislative assembly and several politicians. Since the revelation, however, only two individuals (both were assemblymen at the time) who had allegedly received bribes and the whistleblower had been charged.
3. Since November 2024, a series of video recordings implicating Sabah politicians involved in corruption practices have been uploaded on social media and various online media sharing platforms and had since been widely circulated. This has created a public outcry among Malaysians especially the people of Sabah, as several high profile and prominent state figures were seen in those videos, suggesting that they received bribes in exchange for approvals of mining prospecting licenses.
4. Malaysians were deeply shocked by the unfolding of a major corruption scandal that took place behind the scene, with video being leaked out one after another, allegedly showing politicians abusing their public positions to solicit bribes from a businessman for license approval. Scandal of such magnitude involving so many political figures has never been seen in this country before. The Prime Minister and his federal government have been repeatedly called for taking proactive actions against these allegations.
5. Sabah is best known for its vastly rich in natural resources, but poor infrastructure and lack of development suggests that corruption has deeply hampered the state to progress. The mining scandal has no doubt exacerbated the erosion of public confidence in the state administration. As an anti-graft agency, the MACC is placed under scrutiny to restore public confidence by carrying investigation independently and efficiently having noted the severity of the scandal. Individuals that were implicated in those leaked videos are not someone unimportant or insignificant, those were named go as high as the deputy chief ministers of the state.

6. The silence and inaction of the MACC in recent months has drawn public criticism and sparked speculation that there may be political influence not to pursue the remaining alleged political figures. The MACC commissioner had in the beginning claimed that video and audio evidence submitted by the whistleblower's lawyers may have been tampered with, claiming the authenticity could be lost. However, a lawyer's group named Lawyer For Liberty (LFL) had subsequently submitted ten new and unedited videos in March 2025 to disprove his claim.
7. A dossier exceeding 300 pages containing not just videos, but money trails, bank records and other relevant documents alleging six political figures committed bribery in identical format was also handed to the MACC, but only two were charged up until today.
8. Insofar as proof of evidence is concerned, there is no further response from the MACC on the authenticity despite having conducted forensic analysis as reported by news outlet named Free Malaysia Today on 22 May 2025. If the dossier contains evidence that had resulted in two persons being charged, one must question why the Attorney General Chambers (AGC) has not taken any action against the other four alleged persons as the evidence are identical in format.
9. The MACC must come clean and disclose fully the outcome of the investigation into the mining scandal to negate public perceptions that the enforcement agency favors selective prosecution. The power to restore public confidence is in the hand of the MACC, an institution which is obliged to faithfully discharge the duties to the best of their ability, to bear true faith and allegiance to the country, and to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of this country.
10. The delay in bringing those who have alleged to commit wrongdoing to justice has resulted in some being appointed to public office recently. This is utterly unacceptable and grossly unjust to the people of Sabah as these appointments are often made with political considerations and not based on personal ethical standards. Public office demands honesty, integrity and accountability.
11. More importantly, Sabah deserves people in the public office who can prioritize public interest over personal gain, all of which failure to act against those that are involved can diminish its reputation.

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