

# PSD acts to plug leakage

## Civil servants who breach procurement rules to face action

**LABUAN:** Action will be taken against civil servants found to have breached the guidelines on procurement as non-compliance is a cause of leakage in government transactions, says the Public Service Department.

Its director-general Tan Sri Mohd Khairul Adib Abd Rahman (*pic*) said there would be no compromise on the matter as it involved taxpayer's money.

"Our message is clear. There must be no tolerance for any civil servant who does not with the existing guidelines.

"Although the regulations are quite difficult to comply with, it gives us a level of confidence that there is transparency in the procurement," he said.

"It is a must to fully comply. When there are cases of non-compliance, there will be problems such as leakage and negligence.

"We will take action based on the Auditor-General's reports and public complaints on unhealthy practices among civil servants," Khairul Adib told reporters after addressing civil servants of federal department and agencies here yesterday.

He also urged the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to discharge their duties diligently.

He said any civil servants found commit-



ting corruption in government dealings would be prosecuted.

"We have set up a committee to oversee compliance, including the ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management System.

"The existing Organisational Anti-Corruption Plan (OACP) is a fundamental anti-corruption document at the organisational level to overcome weaknesses and issues regarding governance, integrity and anti-corruption.

"Every ministry must have the OACP, which can help in addressing corrupt practices in the departments and agencies," Khairul Adib added.

Recently, MACC chief commissioner Datuk Seri Azam Baki said corruption cases resulting in leakage of government procurement involving civil servants were seen to be increasingly critical, adding that 50% of such cases involved government agencies.

Following this, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali said he would convene a meeting with MACC over allegations of leakage of government procurement involving civil servants.

He said the matter must be addressed immediately for fear that it would slow down the economic recovery process, especially since the country was still facing the threat of Covid-19.

"I will discuss with MACC on what should be done or the preventive measures to be adopted.

"Our economy is already showing a slow pace of recovery due to the pandemic. If there are leakages of government procurement, I am worried that our country will not be able to progress as rapidly as we planned," Mohd Zuki added. — Bernama