

Police, media among 8 key sectors for reforms, says Putrajaya committee

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KUALA LUMPUR: The five-member committee for institutional reforms has included police, media and the judiciary in a list of eight key areas they said would need reforms.

The committee, which had been gathering feedback from individuals and stakeholders, said it had submitted its report to the Council of Eminent Persons, the government's top advisory council.

Besides the three areas, institutional reforms are also recommended for Parliament, election, law officers, anti-corruption, immigration and human rights institutions.

“In preparing the report, the committee benefited from the representations of many individuals and organisations who provided us with written and oral submissions. This gave us vital information and shaped our thinking on the ills that required remedial measures,” it said in a statement.

Members of the committee are KC Vohrah, Ambiga Sreenevasan, Mah Weng Kwai, Mohamed Arshad Raji and Shad Saleem Faruqi.

They said during their course of feedback gathering from the public, some 1,000 letters and e-mails were also received, many of which were not in the scope of the committee.

“There were several areas of national importance which could not be sufficiently dealt with in this short period of time. We have recommended that further studies be conducted on these issues.

“There were representations of a personal nature which we could not deal with as they are beyond the ambit of this Committee,” the statement said.