

Auditor-general to monitor action

PUTRAJAYA: The auditor-general's office will monitor and give recommendations to the government on heads of departments who fail to take action against officers found guilty of negligent or fraudulent acts.

Auditor-General Tan Sri Ambrin Buang said they were following up directly with the departments and agencies to record the action taken on audit findings.

"We will inform the government if the action taken is not appropriate," he said at the 14th Perdana Discourse Series on "Enhancing Accountability and Integrity in the Malaysian Public Sector".

He said in the past, the heads were reluctant to penalise their staff out of sympathy or to protect the good image of their departments.

"This makes the public doubt our purpose of reporting the weaknesses in the first place."