

Corruption index finds standards slipping across the Commonwealth

In a message from his prison cell in Russia in 2021, the opposition leader Alexei Navalny suggested that none of the world's great problems could be tackled without confronting corruption. So news that only one Commonwealth member state is ranked among the

world's 30 worst countries of 180 rated in the annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is perhaps cause for muted celebration.

It is Nigeria, again, that wins the Commonwealth's wooden spoon in the global snapshot of public-sector malfeasance, mis-

feasance and nonfeasance compiled by Transparency International (TI). But there is a cluster of other Commonwealth countries following close behind – Bangladesh, Uganda, Mozambique, Cameroon and Pakistan – among the next worst 10..... [SOURCE](#)

Continuing the push for anti-corruption reform

THE recent spate of investigations – and demands for other investigations – into the campaign spending of political parties and the wealth of individual politicians once again highlights the importance of political finance reform.

It is entirely right, of course, for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Royal Malaysian Police, Attorney General, and the judiciary to identify, prosecute and judge those who have engaged in corruption. And it is commendable that these institutions have made some progress – for it is still ongoing – in relation to in relation to IMBD.

But it is crucial that these institutions are seen to be independent, acting on evidence and prosecuting in the interests of the nation, not in the interests of political leaders who happen to be in power. Sadly, a growing impression is that such investigations [SOURCE](#)

UK Sanctions Bulgaria Over Corruption Figures



The UK and US are taking coordinated action to root out corruption in Bulgaria.

Transparency International ranks Bulgaria as one of the countries most harmed by corruption in Europe.

A former member of parliament, an ex-national security official and Bulgaria's richest man have been sanctioned by the UK and US for abusing their positions of power by redirecting state funds for their own benefit. The three prominent Bulgarians have today (Friday 10 February) been handed travel bans and asset freezes under the UK's Global Anti-Corruption

sanctions regime.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said:

Those sanctioned have deprived the people of Bulgaria of resources crucial to its economic and social development. Money that should have been used to fix roads, build hospitals and support economic

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