## LETTER TO EDITOR

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

15 February 2019, Putrajaya - EAIC refers to an article by the Free Malaysia Today (FMT) yesterday entitled *Integrity Commission Report on Alleged Kidnapping a Sham, Says Siti Kasim.* EAIC wishes to comment on and clarify certain statements made in this editorial.

- 1. A full investigation has been conducted by EAIC concerning the allegation of police impropriety and the misuse of power pursuing the arrest of lawyer-activist Siti Kasim on 24 June 2018.
- The investigation is in line with the provision in section 28 of the Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission 2009 [*Act 700*] whereby the Commission may *commence its own investigation* since the matter is of significant interest to the public.
- 3. In relation thereto, EAIC had called upon *number of witnesses from all parties involved including Siti Kasim* to assist the Commission in determining whether the police had followed the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) in effecting the arrest and whether there is any truth in the allegation of police impropriety in carrying out their duty and function.
- 4. The investigation was carried out in a comprehensive and transparent manner without prejudice and favouritism.

The findings of the investigation was published in EAIC official website <u>www.eaic.gov.my</u> as required by section 30(5) Act 700. The Commission hopes this will clarify the above issues.

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