

Opposition MP moves to dock PM's salary by a month

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Opposition parliamentarian Tian Chua has filed a motion to deduct one month of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's salary, citing "problems and shortcomings" in the latter's administration of the government.

The motion submitted on Oct 27 under Standing Order 66(9) has been slotted to be discussed after Question Time at 11.30am tomorrow, before the Supply Bill 2012 committee stage debate.

Tian Chua (PKR-Batu) told reporters at the Parliament lobby today that he wants to dock a month of Najib's income, or RM22,826.65.

"Since Najib took over in April 2009, there have been unresolved problems and too many issues have surfaced," he said.

"Indirectly, this is akin to a motion of no confidence in the prime minister's leadership and administration," Tian Chua said.

A dozen reasons

Tian gave 12 reasons to why Najib's salary should be docked as follows:

- 1) Economic governance - the country's debt is 51 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP), inflation is uncontrolled, and the prime minister does not seem to be sensitive towards the rakyat's hardship.
- 2) The government had paid millions to international consultancy firms such Apco Worldwide and FactBased Communications (FBC) to improve the country's image only but only to damage it further.
- 3) Awarding the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Project and the redevelopment of Sungai Besi Airport without a tender is against promises made in the Economic Transformation Plan (ETP).
- 4) The delay in tabling of the 2010 Auditor-General's Report and the lack of concrete action taken to address the shortcomings addressed in the audit.
- 5) There are no satisfactory outcomes/findings in the deaths of political aide Teoh Beng Hock (right) and Customs Department senior official Ahmad Sarbani Mohamed at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).
- 6) The way the independent power producers (IPP) contracts were drafted and the immense cost borne by Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB).
- 7) The prime minister's silence on the extremist views expressed by certain parties which have threatened to cause chaos.
- 8) The violence exhibited in clamping down on the Bersih rally on July 9 that has damaged the country's image internationally.
- 9) The political persecution of Sungai Siput parliamentarian Dr Michael D Jeyakumar and the damaging accusation against him that he is trying to revive communism.
- 10) The lack of action against Rahim Tamby Chik, who was involved in the 'Datuk T' fiasco and for publicly showcasing a sex video. Also Najib has not sacked Rahim as the chairperson of Rubber Industry

Smallholders Development Authority (Risda) although he was convicted of showing obscene videos to the public.

11) Najib did not take severe action on the unfounded allegations made against Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's teenage son.

12) The extravagant spending by Najib and his wife, Rosmah Mansor, during their travels to Kazakstan that incurred a cost of RM1million and the usage of an Airbus A319 for the couple's private trip to Perth, Australia.

"These are among the reasons why I feel the prime minister will not be overly burdened if his one month salary is deducted because I doubt it will affect his exorbitant lifestyle.

"But this will serve as a reminder to those who hold positions in public office to be more prudent in their expenditure," said Tian.

According to accepted practice, this motion ultimately means a vote of no confidence in the ability of the prime minister.

Najib is expected to reply to the allegations and impromptu questions which must be resolved before he can wrap up arguments on other questions raised during the debate.

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