

Rosmah denies shopping spree in Sydney

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's wife Rosmah Mansor dismissed claims that she spent extravagantly while holidaying in Sydney, Australia recently.

"It's all rubbish, wildly exaggerated and not true," Rosmah told Malaysiakini and The Sun when she was approached at MCA's Chinese New Year open house celebrations in Kuala Lumpur today.

"I'm always the victim," she said when asked whether the allegations in the 'Private Sydney' section of the Australian daily Sydney Morning Herald were true.

"I've come across this kind of allegations many times," she added.

Columnist Andrew Hornery had labelled Rosmah the "first lady of shopping" in the 'Private Sydney' section of the newspaper, claiming that she spent A\$100,000 (RM325,000) at a Sydney boutique.

Hornery quoted Sydney designer Carl Kapp saying that Rosmah was the latter's "biggest customer".

According to the column, Rosmah had made the purchases during a "private holiday" about three weeks ago.

It also stated that, Najib and Rosmah stayed at the five-star Darling Hotel penthouse and paid A\$20,000 (RM65,100) per night.

Valet parking

The renowned daily's lifestyle column also claimed that Rosmah had requested "valet parking for her limo" and was flying Kapp out to Malaysia for fittings of the clothes she ordered.

"(Kapp said) he was being flown to Malaysia next month with a collection of toiles for (Rosmah) Mansor to try on before completing her massive order of 61 dresses, pants and tops.

"Kapp said his new muse had 'a very good eye for colour and she likes a lot of prints'," Hornery reported.

However, asked again to clarify if the claims of the expenses were true, Rosmah said: "I have no time to entertain all of this... They just have to do that, (make) accusations."

She then went on to say that Kapp would release a statement on the issue.

Rosmah's spending habits have previously been highlighted by the opposition, one being that she had purchased a diamond ring worth RM24 million, which she has vehemently denied, and that she owns several luxury designer handbags.

Meanwhile, NGO Jingga 13 has urged the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to investigate where the funds for Rosmah's alleged spending came from and how she is able to maintain such a luxurious lifestyle.

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