

**DAP: Did AG advise PM against tribunal?**

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Did Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak seek the advice of attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail in deciding not to establish a judicial tribunal against the latter?

This is the question being pondered aloud by DAP veteran lawmaker Lim Kit Siang, in response to Najib's firm "No" on Friday when asked if a tribunal will be set up to hear allegations against Gani.

NONE "Najib should be forthcoming and tell Parliament whether and how many times he had consulted Gani (right) on the issue and who are the other judicial, legal and other officers he had consulted before he came to the conclusion to reject the call for a tribunal," said Lim in a statement today.

A number of former and serving senior police officers, including former commercial crime investigation department (CCID) chief Ramli Yusoff, have stepped up to offer evidence of wrongdoing against Gani.

They are accusing Gani of being in collusion with an underworld figure and former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan in an elaborate cover-up operation.

Malaysiakini had reported on March 11 that a number of whistleblowers - whose information led to the arrest of Johor kingpin Goh Cheng Poh aka Tengku Goh in 2007 - had been forced to implicate six police officers investigating the case.

But since Ramli and another top cop Mat Zain Ibrahim, a former Kuala Lumpur CID chief, has agreed to offer "new evidence" should a tribunal be called, Lim argued that this was grounds for a tribunal.

Lim said that calling for a tribunal was the very least that Najib could do to safeguard his own credibility and legitimacy.

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