

Najib, answer our queries, not your own FAQs

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YOURSAY 'Your FAQs did not explain your family's exceptional wealth.'

Don't parrot opposition lies on Rosmah, Dr M told

RakyatBiasa: PM Najib Razak, the proof is written all over everywhere. Even the RM24 million ring had your wife, Rosmah Mansor's name in the Custom's form. What more proof do you want?

Rosmah's son, Riza Aziz, paid RM110 million for a penthouse in New York. That's a fact not denied. 1MDB's transactions are also facts or else no one would have kicked a fuss over Tabung Haji's involvement.

Come clean, that's all the rakyat ask of you.

Ryuujunri: Najib, does your convenient FAQs (frequently asked questions) explained your family's exceptional wealth? No?

You were caught lying about your inheritance by your own brothers. Your wife is silly to say she saved from young to buy her Birkin bags and other luxury items.

To say that 1MDB is clean just because Deloitte audited them is childish. It just shows how little you know about the past 20 years of corporate failure and what brought audit firm Arthur Andersen down worldwide.

Ferdtan: It looks like both sides, Najib and Mahathir, are digging in for a long and bitter dispute. It is so unlike ex-PM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who meekly resigned under Mahathir's coercion.

Najib's assertion that Mahathir parroted the opposition's "malicious rumours" about Rosmah will not work. It is because most Malaysians, now including the ex-PM, believe in them as no satisfactory explanations were given when such scandals were exposed.

As to the RM24 million ring which was send and addressed to Rosmah, the explanation that it was not meant for her is difficult to be believed.

Najib must be confident enough to respond directly to Mahathir's allegations. What's next when Mahathir up the ante? Sungai Buloh's cell next to former DPM Anwar Ibrahim?

You bet, many would love to see that happening, it's a kind of poetic justice.

Commentable: Does Dr M need to rely on the opposition's "malicious rumours" to launch

an attack on you or your de facto boss? If he does, the old man must be losing his touch as the master magician in politics.

I'm sure Dr M has his own sources and looking at his past credentials, the good doctor is one who carefully chooses which bone he wants to pick on. He never ever mixes one's bones with somebody else's.

So when he singles out someone, that person is marked until he finishes the job. Scary as it may be, he is akin to a guided missile - once launched there is no stopping it.

Fernz: Former PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad is a political animal. So, he makes political statements.

Political statements need not be proven. The purpose of making political statements is to win the debate in the court of public opinion. Political statements are not about the truth but about what the people will believe.

There's no smoke without fire. The more that Najib defends himself, the more political statements Mahathir will make against him. It's a losing battle for Najib.

The perception is that he's guilty. In the court of public opinion, one is guilty until proven innocent. How is Najib going to prove his innocence? He has many skeletons in his cupboard.

Even if he doesn't have any skeletons in his cupboard, people will believe that he has. It's those who have skeletons in the cupboard in Umno that rise to the top.

Eventually, Najib will be forced to step down. By that time, the Umno supreme council, the divisional leaders and Umno members will have abandoned him after realising that the people have turned against them.

Mahathir, being a creature of the media, knows how the game is played. Initially, when Mahathir began criticising Najib, people saw the former as a disgruntled old man, a troublemaker.

Today, people see Najib as the troublemaker. Public opinion has rapidly shifted in favour of Mahathir.

Anonymous_1421406986: This is a very brave rebuttal from Najib. I was expecting this for a long time. Mahathir must make his judgement based on facts and not from the feedback given to him. He had his time to do good for others but he did not.

Onyourtoes: PM, anyone with some intelligence would know your argument carries no weight. Of course, the Agong would be the first one to use the plane given your circumstances now.

I don't think you and your team are that smart. So please stop thinking that we are stupid. Indeed, no one said Rosmah owned the ring. But there was an attempt to inspect the ring and perhaps buy it.

Sali Tambap: Attacking the person rather than the content of the argument is called ad hominem and which our dear PM is guilty of.

I'm no fan of Dr M but Najib should just address his concerns instead of allowing it (1MDB issues) to fester to conflagration.

This same suggestion is also voiced by members of the cabinet and even Najib's own brother, Nazir. Using the opposition as an excuse not to answer Dr M is only creating a false scapegoat.

Thus the only conclusion that many of the members of the public can come up with is because you, Najib, might be guilty as accused and that there is indeed some truth about the wrongdoings in 1MDB.

Caripasal: Indeed, billions of 1MDB money had apparently disappeared. Why did the PM signed off the money? Why did the PM transfer billions to tycoon Jho Low?

Cantabrigian: If Mahathir is lying about Najib now, Mahathir could also have lied about Pak Lah (Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) and eventually the latter was toppled from premiership.

Oh wait a minute, Mahathir was not lying about Pak Lah because you benefitted from it, right, Najib?