

Politicians say the darndest things on 1MDB

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KINIBIZ It is that time of year again when the foot-in-mouth disease strikes. The latest victim: Tourism and Culture Minister Mohd Nazri Abdul Aziz.

If you haven't heard, in mid-June *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) reported that 1MDB funds were indirectly channelled towards bankrolling the 13th general election campaign for Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

For the record, 1MDB has denied this. But it is not an issue at all, even if the report was true, said Nazri.

"If the report carried by WSJ is proven true, then it is good, as it shows the money was not lost. Then why do you (critics) say the money is lost? What's wrong with (Finance Ministry's wholly-owned 1MDB's) money being spent on the people?" he told *Malaysiakini*.

Presumably, of course, Nazri said this with a straight face, serious tone of voice and without any hint of mirth. In which case, one wonders how his mind, which must be exceedingly brilliant since he holds an actual cabinet position, works.

Imagine taking money out of your wallet to pay your electricity bills. But when you pay, the person behind the counter smiles, winks knowingly and says the money will go towards paying your water bill instead.

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