

PAS leader: Accusations against Najib defy logic

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Amidst strong criticisms from opposition leaders for the prime minister to come clean on the embezzlement allegations, PAS spiritual leader Haron Din bucks the trend.

"Simple logic says usually, if someone wants to transfer money from a public fund to their personal accounts, they won't do it like this.

"They will transfer it to a different account or a secret account," he told reporters at a breaking fast event in Putrajaya today.

Haron was asked about the news report by the Wall Street Journal yesterday alleging that US\$700 (RM2.6 billion) million had been transferred into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal accounts from 1MDB subsidiaries.

He said he neither agrees nor disagrees with the allegations.

Many news have surfaced recently which seemed to be true, he said, but were later proven to be wrong after investigations were conducted.

"So I will have to check if this news is true or not first," he said.

He hopes for the sake of the country that the allegations are not true.

Otherwise, he said, this would be very unfortunate especially with regards to the weakening Malaysian economy.

Foreign investors will be uneasy about investing in Malaysia, he noted, and the public will lose trust in the country's leadership.

"This is why I hope there will be a denial and proof that (the embezzlement claims) never happened.

"But if did happen, it is a very terrible thing and should not be looked upon lightly," he said.

Later yesterday, the prime minister said former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad masterminded the allegations, insisting that he has never before used public funds for personal gains.

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