

Six allegations Najib must answer
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PAS Pokok Sena MP Mahfuz Omar has outlined six allegations against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak involving the embezzlement of state investment company 1MDB funds that Najib has yet to deny.

In a statement issued today Mahfuz differs widely from the statement of his party president Abdul Hadi Awang, who was cautious in not condemning Najib and said in Islam, such claims must be backed by four credible witnesses.

Mahfuz also appears to be on a different page from his party's spiritual adviser Haron Din, who said the allegations against Najib in the US-based financial paper defied logic.

Najib has not denied that he owned the private banks accounts stated in The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) last Friday, nor has he denied that a sum of US\$700 (RM2.6 billion) was banked into those accounts by 1MDB.

"It is slander to accuse a person of a wrongdoing when he did not do it. It is only appropriate that the person who has been slandered comes forward and defends himself, from the onset, by denying the allegations," Mahfuz (photo) said in a statement today.

He described as "very strange" what has recently happened to Najib, adding that the PM never denied the allegations against him with facts and figures.

The PM was accused by WSJ of receiving RM2.6 billion, through his private bank accounts with Ambank, from three companies said to be involved with 1MDB before the 13th general election in 2013.

'Najib never denied the claims'

Najib's response has been that he would not steal from the rakyat, and if he had wanted to, he would not put the money in a local bank.

"Najib never denied these claims. All Najib said was the money was not public funds. But if not public funds, then whose money?" Mahfuz asked.

Mahfuz also took a dig at PAS spiritual adviser Haron Din, asking why certain quarters were diverting away from the allegations at hand by describing them as illogical.

He then recalled that the allegation against the National Feedlot Centre project, in which a RM250 million government soft loan was diverted from breeding cattle to the alleged purchase of a luxury condominium unit in Bangsar, also seemed illogical.

mahfuz also noted that the annual reports of the auditor-general are often viewed as

“illogical”, for example, cheap screwdrivers are purchased with a hefty sum of money by certain government departments.

“Certain quarters claim that the WSJ allegations against Najib are not logical, but why hasn’t the PM denied the report?” he asked.

“This means that the facts and figures reported by WSJ were correct, only that the money was not public funds, since Najib said that if he wanted to steal public funds, he would put it into his private account overseas.

“But the rakyat is asking: where did the money come from? It is really a big sum, so please answer, dear prime minister,” Mahfuz added.

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