

AG denies task force froze PM's accounts
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Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail has dismissed reports claiming that the special task force froze three bank accounts belonging to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

“The freeze orders issued on July 6 did not involve any accounts allegedly held by the prime minister,” he said in a statement today.

However, he did not elaborate on the matter.

Gani was responding to news reports, including in Malaysiakini, quoting sources familiar with the investigations that three of the six accounts frozen were the prime minister's.

The accounts were frozen to facilitate investigations into the alleged transfer of RM2.6 billion of 1MDB-linked funds into Najib's (photo) accounts.

Last week, The Wall Street Journal reported the issue citing information from Malaysian investigators.

Meanwhile, Gani also expressed concern over insinuations and allegations that have been made linking him to a certain political agenda.

He stressed that the whole purpose of establishing an inter-agency special task force to investigate the matter was to ensure that there could be no abuse of the investigation mechanism.

The attorney-general also warned those involved in the investigation against leaking confidential information.

“I would not hesitate to prosecute any person found to have leaked confidential investigation-related information as it is a criminal act.

Gani heads the special task force probing the alleged misappropriation of 1MDB's funds.

Apart from Gani, Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar, Bank Negara governor Zeti Akhtar Aziz (photo) and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief Abu Kassim Mohamed are also part of the task force.

Although Gani in his statement today said that his concern on the leaked documents was “endorsed” by the three as well, today’s statement was signed by only Gani, a direct contrast with yesterday’s statement, which was signed by all four members of the task force.

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