

Task force: No freeze as PM's accounts closed

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The special task force today revealed that Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal accounts in AmBank Islamic were closed on Aug 30, 2013 and March 9, 2015 respectively.

However, the task force has obtained bank documents related to these accounts.

This was revealed in a joint statement inked by Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail, Bank Negara Governor Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Inspector -General of police Khalid Abu Bakar and MACC chief Abu Kassim Mohamed.

The task force was elaborating on the freeze order issued on July 6, where it was disclosed that six accounts were suspended.

Yesterday, Gani denied media reports claiming that three of the accounts belonged to Najib but did not elaborate.

The clarification today did not mention how many accounts were closed on the respective dates given.

However, the Aug 30, 2013 date provided by the special task force is consistent with whistle-blower website Sarawak Report's article.

Sarawak Report last Thursday reported that this particular AmBank accounts allegedly belonging to Najib had received two separate deposits from Tanore Finance.

The amounts were for US\$619,999,988 and US\$60,999,998 and wired in on March 21 and March 25 respectively in 2013.

Raid confirmed

This was concurrently reported by Sarawak Report and The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) based on what they said were Malaysian government investigation papers.

Two other AmBank accounts allegedly belonging to Najib also received a total RM42 million in deposits in December 2014 and February 2015 from Malaysian finance ministry-owned SRC International through its subsidiaries, according to their reports.

On a related matter, the task force said it had obtained several documents from 1MDB's office at Menara IMC after a seven-hour raid (photo) yesterday.

"The special task force team obtained the materials required for its investigation including the minutes of meetings of the 1MDB board of directors, the minutes book, bank statements and other bank details, reconciliation statements, ledger books, agreements of

business and investment dealings and files on 1MDB's corporate social responsibility activities.

"The team also seized several notebook computers," it said.

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