

'1MDB funds in your account' - PM clams up

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Prime Minister Najib Razak today refused to answer media queries on the allegation that RM2.6 billion of 1MDB's funds went into his personal bank accounts or whether it was used for general election purposes.

Met by reporters at his Hari Raya open house in Putrajaya, he refused to respond to questions asked in relation to 1MDB.

He was asked to comment on the report by The Wall Street Journal said the 1MDB money was traced to two AmBank savings accounts under his name. The accounts have since been closed.

Najib, clad in a chic, pinkish-beige baju Melayu and black songkok, merely looked at the journalist concerned and remained silent.

Previously, the prime minister had denied taking public funds for personal gain but did not specifically address if the money was deposited into his personal bank accounts.

Likewise, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin who also attended the open house, refused to comment on the matter.

"No questions," he said, while waving his palm at reporters.

Rosmah zips lips too

Following the WSJ expose, Najib denied the money was for personal gain. A special multi-agency task force reporting to him is now probing the matter.

Rosmah Mansor, the wife to the prime minister, also kept mum on RM2 million in cash reportedly channelled into her personal bank account early this year.

She was asked to respond to calls from various quarters for her to reveal the source of the money and its purpose.

Malaysiakini wasn't allowed to enter Seri Perdana to cover Najib's open house event.

The journalists concerned had to queue up with members of public for a handshake-and-greet moment with Najib and his wife at the lobby of his residence. The questions were posed to them there.

Seri Perdana had previously not restricted media from covering Hari Raya open houses there. Journalists were allowed full access to the first floor of the prime minister's

residence to cover media sessions or speak to ministers present.

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