

In leaked video, ex-DPM says Najib admitted to RM2.6b

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A leaked video clip depicting Muhyiddin Yassin talking about allegations that millions were transferred into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's private accounts is currently making rounds.

The grainy video clip, which appears to be recorded using a mobile phone, depicts Muhyiddin addressing several guests at his home on the topic last night.

Among those present were Kedah Menteri Besar Mukhriz Mohamad and former Umno supreme council member Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

Although certain parts of the 53-second video clip were inaudible, Muhyiddin appeared to be suggesting he had confronted Najib on the allegation.

The allegation, made by the Wall Street Journal in a July 3 article, said Malaysian investigators found that nearly US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) was transferred into Najib's private accounts.

Muhyiddin had told his guests that he had asked about the source of the money and the reply was that it came from someone in the Middle East.

"Then saya kata apa masuk account you? [inaudible] Kenapa masuk account Najib Razak? (Then I asked what was in your account? [inaudible] Why was it in Najib Razak's account)," said Muhyiddin.

"He admitted. So I said: Why did you put (it) into your personal account?"

Muhyiddin entertained numerous guests yesterday at his home after news broke that he had been removed from cabinet as deputy prime minister and education minister.

The former deputy premier has been vocal in his criticism of 1MDB and lamented how Najib had ignored his advice on the matter.

Abdul Kadir confirms conversation

Commenting on the video, Abdul Kadir (photo) confirmed the conversation took place but declined to comment further.

"I don't want to comment on it.

"It was a private conversation. It wasn't supposed to be recorded. Mukhriz had asked people not to record it," he told Malaysiakini.

Despite numerous attempts, Malaysiakini could not reach Muhyiddin's aides for comment.

Following the WSJ report, Najib had denied using public funds for personal gains and accused Mukhriz's father, former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad, of masterminding his downfall.

Najib's office has also been contacted for a response to the video clip.

When asked about the video as he was leaving an event in Kuala Lumpur later this evening, Najib merely dismissed the question with a wave and continued walking.

Below is the full transcript from the video:

Muhyiddin: I asked him (Najib) from whom? He did not mention siapa nama dia, from somewhere in the Middle East.

Berapa banyak? Lepas tu dia ..(inaudible)... susah nak kiralah. Dia kata 'a lot', 'a lot'.

Then saya kata kenapa masuk account you? ...(inaudible)... kenapa masuk account Najib Razak? Duit berapa? 700 million US dollar. Kalau kali tiga point something... 2.6 billion that goes into his personal account.

Ini dia sebut. He admitted. So I said why did you put into your personal account?

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