

## **'1MDB probes no longer trustworthy'**

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All on-going investigations into the 1MDB scandal are no longer trustworthy as the people no longer have faith in them, even if the outcomes may be true, a BN Youth leader has declared.

Therefore, an independent Royal Commission of Inquiry should be set up to investigate the matter, Gerakan Deputy Youth chairperson Andy Yong told Malaysiakini today.

"Generally, Malaysians, especially those who are educated and without vested interests, will not believe the investigation report or outcome by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Public Accounts Committee, Attorney-General or the police - even if the findings are true.

"Hence, the only solution is to set up a truly independent RCI," Yong (photo) said.

He said members of the RCI into 1MDB should consist of people from all walks of life including professionals, judges, business people and ordinary citizens.

"Transparent and fair appointment can be made via the selection of jury in a court system or vote by equal numbers of MPs from both political sides," Yong said, adding that honesty is the best policy.

The MACC announced yesterday that the RM2.6 billion deposited into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal accounts were from donations and not from the 1MDB account.

### **Social media users vent frustrations**

This left many Malaysians in disbelief. Social media users took to Twitter to vent their frustrations, making the hashtag #DearNajib one of the top trending topics yesterday.

Newly-minted Communications and Multimedia Minister Salleh Said Keruak described the outcry as a classic case of never being able to satisfy critics.

The people Salleh (photo) said, were not happy with the MACC's explanation yesterday, even though the commission had answered their demands to know if the money in Najib's accounts were from 1MDB or not.

"Now, some want to know why it took so long to confirm that. Why could they have not confirmed that on the first day?

"Others want to know whether the donation came with strings attached, because surely a donation that size would come with terms and conditions.

"So what is the issue now? Should they not be happy that the money was not stolen from 1MDB as alleged?" Salleh asked in his blog last night.

He also questioned whether the people would believe it if Najib said there were no strings attached to the donations.

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