

Khairy: RM2.6b came from supporters

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The RM2.6 billion donation deposited into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's private bank accounts came from Umno's supporters, the party Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said today.

"I was made to understand the contribution came from supporters and donors.

"We hold to MACC's (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) statement that the donation came from one donor and supporter," he told reporters.

Yesterday, MACC issued a statement saying investigations revealed that the RM2.6 billion was a donation and not from the 1MDB funds.

This raised eyebrows as MACC had previously declared it was not probing the issue and its scope within the 1MDB special task force was limited to former 1MDB subsidiary SRC International.

"Obviously, when MACC issued a statement yesterday to say the money deposited into Najib's account was a donation, I assume that it was donation for political purposes," Khairy said.

"Let's see what's going to happen to the special task force... even MACC said it wants to look at the some of the aspects," he said after officiating a sports event in Cyberjaya today.

On July 3, US-based financial daily The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported that RM2.6 billion went into Najib's private bank accounts and the sum was used for the last general election.

Najib has kept mum on the allegation, except to state that the money wasn't used 'for personal gain'.

Probe to continue

In a statement yesterday, MACC said the money in question came from a donation and was not from the state-owned 1MDB as alluded to in the WSJ report.

However, the anti-corruption commission did not address the issue of whether the money was used by the ruling party to retain power in last election.

MACC also said it continue to investigate 1MDB's former subsidiary, SRC International, on a RM4 billion loan from which RM42 million was allegedly also deposited into Najib's personal accounts.

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