

Did PM disclose RM2.6b? Bank Negara must answer

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Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) must reveal if Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak declared that RM2.6 billion was deposited into his personal bank accounts.

"We want BNM to reveal the details of the money that was channeled into Najib's account, including the status of the RM2.6 billion," said DAP Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng.

This was after the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) confirmed that the money in the premier's bank accounts came from donations and not 1MDB.

Lim said BNM must disclose the source and purpose of each transaction if Najib had declared it to the central bank.

In view of this, Lim, DAP Rasah MP Teo Kok Seong and party member Zulhasmi Shariff submitted a memorandum to a BNM official.

"I was told if the amount of money channeled from overseas into a bank account in Malaysia, exceeded RM200,000, both the sender and receiver must inform BNM," said Teo.

This, he said, was the government's approach to curb money laundering.

The trio also wanted to know if BNM declared that the transaction complied with the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2001 and the Financial Services Act 2013.

Where is Zeti?

Meanwhile, Zulhasmi also claimed the officer they met said BNM has no authority to probe the matter.

However, he added BNM can trigger the probe by sending the information to the other authorities to follow up.

Lim said the BNM officer, who received the memorandum, confirmed that the central bank's governor Zeti Akthar Aziz is still on duty.

"But she refused to tell me if Zeti is currently in the country or overseas," he added.

A security officer at BNM told Malaysiakini that Zeti is currently oversea but when Malaysiakini checked with an officer from the strategic communication department, she claimed to be in the dark.

"I also don't know," said the officer identified only as Fazleina when asked if Zeti is abroad.

Razak declared that RM2.6 billion was deposited into his personal bank accounts.

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