

'RM2.6b foreign donor will own up soon'

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Umno veteran Sanusi Junid said the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's (MACC) announcement that the RM2.6 billion channeled to Najib's account [came from a foreign source](#) is not at all a shock.

Now that MACC has established the money is not from the coffers of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), those involved will find someone credible to own up to be the donor, Sanusi told *The Malaysian Insider (TMI)* today.

"It is something expected and not a surprise. I am sure they will look for a rich individual to admit that he or she had donated the money," he told *TMI* via SMS.

Sanusi (*photo*) is quoted saying due to the huge amount of money involved, it could not be from a single local source.

"What is clear is that if the donor is a Malaysian, it is not just one person. A billionaire could not even afford to donate such a large amount.

"They have to find people who are based overseas, like the Sultan of Brunei, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, or those of their level. Or Arab royalty and their children," he said in an SMS to the portal.

Sanusi, who served under former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad's cabinet in the 1980s, told *TMI* that a businessman will not release that kind of funds without any strings attached.

"Unless we hire someone and pay them very well until they are willing to admit they are the donors. But it has to be someone who is credible and can be trusted," he said in the article.

Sanusi, who is Umno's former secretary-general, also told the portal the money could not have come from Umno members, whose annual membership fees are usually paid for by the division chiefs.

On July 3, [The Wall Street Journal](#) had reported that Malaysian investigators have traced nearly US\$700 million of deposits into what they believe are personal bank accounts of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

The prime minister has **maintained he never used the money for personal gain** but stopped short of saying it went into his account.

Najib's new cabinet ministers have been **defending their chief** by saying the RM2.6 billion is a donation and not from 1MDB funds.

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