

AG told to answer if he's cleared Najib
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An opposition MP has called on the attorney-general (AG) to state if his department has cleared Prime Minister Najib Razak of allegations against him, as the latter has claimed.

"The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and AG cannot remain silent on this. Their silence raises more questions.

"Just last week, the MACC said it would probe the RM2.6 billion donation said to be in his account and they assured us that they would question the prime minister over the matter.

"The MACC must now tell us if a statement has been recorded from the prime minister and whether the investigation papers have been sent to the AG," said Puchong MP Gobind Singh Deo in a statement.

"If that has not been done then the prime minister cannot be correct to say that he has been cleared. Such an announcement would be premature," he added.

He was responding to Najib's claim at yesterday at the Bandar Tun Razak Umno AGM yesterday that he has been cleared of any wrongdoing over the RM2.6 billion banked into his private accounts.

The Umno chief told delegates that the act of receiving the money, which was first exposed in a Wall Street Journal report last month alleging 1MDB as the source, was for the party's sake.

"That's why the MACC has said that it was not corruption and not from 1MDB's funds. It (the investigation) has completed," Najib said yesterday.

However Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua today pointed out the investigations have not concluded, as MACC had said they intend to question Najib and 1MDB subsidiary SRC International Sdn Bhd is also still being probed in relation to the funds transfers.

Did Najib get AG's go ahead?

Gobind said the AG must explain if he has given the PM the right to announce the outcome of the probe.

"If he didn't, will he say so and publicly retract what the prime minister said and declare yet open the said investigation?" asked the DAP parliamentarian.

Calling Najib's claim "highly improper", Gobind pointed out, "That is a matter for the AG and no one else to decide."

More so, he added, since the PM is the person being investigated and should hence remain silent on the verdict.

“The fact that he himself is being probed makes it all the more so as to why it is he should not comment on the matter as that could well lead to the perception of interference which may severely impact upon the credibility of the result of the investigation.

“This is most basic and the prime minister of all people should know this.”

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