

DAP accepts PM's dare to reveal political funding

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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today the party accepts Prime Minister Najib Razak's challenge to reveal its political funding.

Najib had said the BN was willing to reveal its funding sources if the opposition were prepared to do the same.

This was in relation to the RM2.6 billion "donation" deposited in Najib's private banks accounts before the 2013 national polls.

Speaking at a DAP function, Lim had the crowd in stitches when he said that Najib probably thought he was playing marbles with DAP when throwing the challenge.

"You show me yours first, then I will show you mine? What kind of prime minister is this?" Lim said to laughter from the crowd.

Lim, who is also Penang chief minister, said that the DAP is not afraid of revealing its funding as the party has a transparent administration in Penang.

He added that Penang's CM, assemblypersons and MPs declared their assets every term, since 2008, when they seized the state from BN.

"We have shown everything. If (you) want to show, show-lah. We are not afraid," Lim said at the party's Special Meeting for Protem Branches in Tanjung Bungah, Penang.

"We can sit on the same table, and show. Our treasurer is Fong Kui Lun (MP for Bukit Bintang), do you think he is scared of showing?"

"We accept the challenge from Najib (photo), as our accounts are usually revealed at our party's congresses," he added.

However, Lim told Najib not to run away from answering who was the anonymous donor who deposited the RM2.6 billion in his private bank accounts.

This money was earlier believed to be from companies linked to the 1MDB as reported in The Wall Street Journal on Jul 3, an allegation which Najib has yet to deny.

Not for personal gain

Najib, who is also finance minister, who oversees the running of the debt-ridden 1MDB, has only said he never used the money for personal gain.

Since then Muhyiddin Yassin has been dropped as deputy prime minister while Abdul Gani Patail has been dropped as attorney-general.

Also seven officials of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) had been taken in by the police allegedly for questioning on 1MDB.

Two of MACC's top officials have been abruptly transferred to the Prime Minister's Office.

Lim said that the government may as well shut down the MACC if it continues to interfere or harass the commission in its probe on 1MDB.

"What is the point of MACC then? It is supposed to be a commission to probe corruption in the country, but it seems now, it is becoming a commission to cover up corruption instead," Lim said to loud applause.

Lim said the country was moving in the "opposite direction", citing the fall of the ringgit against the US dollar to RM3.92 - the lowest in 17 years.

He added Malaysians felt helpless seeing the ringgit slide quickly and the only way to restore the situation was to see Najib step down.

"However, Najib does not see the situation as a problem because probably he has "donations", Lim said.

"But we have to fight everyone who defends the 1MDB, whether it is Umno, BN component parties like Gerakan, MCA and MIC, including PAS who has also joined the gang. That is our promise" he asserted.

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