

## **Pua: So did PM transfer US\$650m to S'pore?**

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has been urged to confirm or deny claims that he had transferred US\$650 million to an account in Singapore.

Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua said Najib's lieutenants had already established that he, as the Umno president, was allowed to hold party money in trust, following MACC's revelation that the premier had received RM2.6 billion in political funding from Middle East.

Pua said that if Najib did not address the latest allegation that a huge sum of money was then remitted abroad, it might be taken as fact and people will ask why the money was transferred abroad if it indeed belonged to Umno.

"Are Umno leaders now going to claim that it is normal for Umno to hide billions in donations in an overseas account?"

"Or is Najib now going to cook up a new excuse to claim that the Middle Eastern donors decided that they didn't want to donate to him anymore and wanted their money back?"

"Or perhaps the prime minister after being caught with his pants down, would now argue that five months after receiving the cash, he suffered from sudden pangs of guilt and decided to voluntarily return the money to the donor?" asked Pua (photo).

### **Minister says no comment**

On Saturday, whistleblower website Sarawak Report claimed that Najib returned US\$650 million to Tanore Finance Ltd, incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, through a Singaporean bank.

Although Sarawak Report did not offer any evidence, other aspects of its article, such as the RM1 million issued to Johor Bahru MP Shahrir Abdul Samad, has been confirmed as fact by him.

Yesterday, Information and Communications Minister Salleh Said Keruak refused to comment on the matter.