

Najib: Bersih hypocritical in asking me about RM2.6b

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Umno president Najib Abdul Razak today slammed elections watchdog Bersih for not disclosing their funds.

He accused Bersih of being hypocritical and of having double standards in asking him to disclose the details of the RM2.6 billion donation he received and which he maintained was not for his personal gain.

"The Umno supreme council took notice that there are no laws regarding political funding and no laws regarding their disclosure.

"We also took notice that all political parties get their money from funding or donation drives, including the opposition.

"When Bersih 4 gets their money and funds, they don't want to disclose their sources.

"When it comes to them, they (the opposition) don't ask for disclose but when it comes to us, they create a lot of questions," he told a press conference after an Umno supreme council meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

Najib came under intense public scrutiny after the Wall Street Journal ran a report alleging that US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) had been credited to his personal bank accounts before the general elections in 2013.

Blame on opposition

The prime minister threatened to sue the publication while not denying he had received the money saying it was a "donation" from the Middle East and that he never used it for personal gain.

Najib also blamed the opposition for opposing the suggested political funding law reform bill that was proposed a few years ago.

"We can't have double standards. I myself proposed this (political funding reform) four years ago but it was not agreed to by the opposition.

"I hope in the future we can enact new rules based on law so we can regulate political funds and contributions," he said.

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