

1MDB task force not disbanded, says AG's Chambers

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The special task force investigating 1MDB has never been dissolved or disbanded, said the Attorney-General's Chambers.

In a statement today, the AG's Chambers added it had not made any statement to that effect.

"In fact the investigations conducted by the respective agencies were never at any time halted or hindered.

"The attorney-general has been constantly monitoring and giving instructions to the relevant agencies whenever the investigations were referred to the AGC, including instructions to expedite investigations.

"As of today, the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) have not completed their investigations, as some key witnesses' statements have yet to be recorded."

The AG's Chambers was responding to the Conference of Rulers which called for investigations into the matter to be expedited and for the wrongdoers, if any, to be punished.

The Chambers' stand appeared to be in contradiction with a statement issued by MACC on Aug 5, which said the special task force is no longer needed, as advised by newly-appointed attorney-general Mohamad Apandi Ali.

"The attorney-general advised that there is no need for the special task force. On the other hand, the investigating agencies can do their job based on the provision of the law (for their own respective agencies).

"With regard to the MACC, it is investigating SRC International and the RM2.6 billion. Our probe is still on-going," the MACC had said.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak (photo) had been accused of derailing the task force probe when Mohamad Apandi was appointed to replace Abdul Gani Patail as attorney-general, with the latter said to be suffering from health problems.

Among others, the task force was investigating the RM2.6 billion deposited into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's accounts a few months before the 13th general election.

This sum was described as political donation from a Middle Eastern source while Najib has repeatedly denied using public funds for personal gain.

However, his critics, such as former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, continue to assail him on this matter.

Najib has also claimed that there is a conspiracy to topple him.

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