

For MACC, lots of thunder and lightning but no rain

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MACC chief vows to get to the bottom of PM's 'donation' case

Odin Tajué: Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief Abu Kassim Mohamed, what exactly are you investigating? Or doing?

Just a couple of months or so ago, there was a report that a statement had been posted on your website declaring the RM2.6 billion that was transferred to PM Najib Razak's personal bank accounts was a 'donation' from a Middle Eastern person.

Since then, Najib and his supporters have been trumpeting that claim. As you are still investigating that money, are you telling us that the statement was false? If the statement was false, who issued it and/or under whose order was it issued?

So you are also probing the RM42 million originating from Strategic Resources Company International (SRC) and paid into Najib's personal bank account. This money was not a donation of whatever kind, was it?

Of course, it was not. That is obvious from the fact that Najib and all those supporters of his have studiously avoided mentioning it — because they are completely unable to offer any acceptable or even plausible explanation for the transfer.

Could it be money stolen from SRC?

But what can you do? Nothing, right? All you can do is to pass the report of your findings to the attorney-general (AG) for action.

If we assume that your findings will indicate embezzlement having been committed, it is for certain that the AG will not prosecute.

He will come up with all sorts of reasons for his inability to do so, one of which will be that as he thinks he does not have more than 90 percent chance of convicting Najib, he will not prosecute.

But even if the AG does decide to prosecute, it will simply be the next scene in the charade, an action to continue to keep the citizenry fooled.

The court proceedings will surely be (mis)conducted in the same manner as that which occurred in the Altantuya Shaariibuu murder case.

In short, Abu Kassim, you and your MACC are acting out a charade just as the rest of the investigating teams.

It boggles the imagination that dozens of senior government officials and the titled — and all of whom are old enough to be grandparents and great-grandparents such as you — are all acting out what is plainly a charade.

All of you are wasting tens, if not hundreds, of millions in taxpayers' money performing acts that will, as certain as the sun rises in the East, end with no desirable results. You all are the absolute pits.

Now back to the questions posed in the beginning but here rephrased. Was the statement posted on your website declaring the RM2.6 billion to be a donation from a Middle Eastern person and not money from 1MDB true or false?

And who issued the statement and/or who ordered for it to be issued?

Wg321: As usual, Abu Kassim is full of sound and fury; there's lots of thunder and lightning but where is the rain? Excuses after excuses, the delaying tactics go on and on.

You already have all the evidence with you from your officers who were persecuted for doing their job.

Are you going to recommend that your boss, Najib, should be prosecuted for corruption involving the RM2.6 billion donation and/or the RM42 million from SRC in his account?

Don't push your luck. You may end up in a drum full of cement. It is better that you spend your time taking disciplinary action against your officers who watch porn from his laptop in his office in the wee hours of the night while mentally torturing former DAP aide Teoh Beng Hock to death by making him jump out of the MACC building as revealed by a royal commission of inquiry.

Why are you still protecting your officers who had committed gross misconduct? Why don't you give justice to Teoh Beng Hock's family instead, which is within your power?

Slumdog: Abu Kassim said he "will not resign or seek early retirement due to pressures and factors other than my health."

He forgot that Najib can sack him or terminate his contract prematurely due to alleged ill-health. Has he forgotten what happened to former AG Abdul Gani Patail?

By the way, MACC has already cleared Najib by confirming that the RM2.6 billion was a donation from an Arab source. They have even met the donor face to face. Moreover, even the deputy PM has met the representatives of the donors.

So how is Abu Kassim going to get to the bottom of the case when Najib is already cleared?

Mojo Jojo: Abu Kassim, I find your bravado implying that both you and your MACC officers "fearless" and independent utterly difficult to swallow when the MACC is under the purview of the Prime Minister's Department.

Let us not forget that civil servants come and go easily under this government, and are also made to retire early due to "poor health."

In other words, you are at the mercy of the system, led by the one man that you are investigating.

As the saying goes - the empty vessel makes the most noise. My guess is you're an empty can.

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