

No need for further probe on RM2.6b donation, says AG
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Following the Saudi government's latest statement on the RM2.6 billion donation issue, attorney-general Mohamad Apandi Ali has declared that there is no need for further investigation.

Mingguan Malaysia quoted Apandi as saying he is "relieved" by the reported confirmation by Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, that the donation deposited into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal account, indeed came from Saudi Arabia.

"Alhamdulillah. For me the issue is settled (even though) there were calls for further probes, but I don't feel that it is necessary.

"This is because there is already a statement from the donor, so what is there left to be investigated," he was quoted as telling the weekend edition of Utusan Malaysia.

Al-Jubeir had reportedly told Malaysian reporters in Istanbul on Friday that the Saudi government is aware of the donation and it is a genuine donation with nothing expected in return.

"We are also fully aware that the attorney-general of Malaysia has thoroughly investigated the matter and found no wrongdoing.

"So, as far as we are concerned, the matter is closed," Al-Jubeir said.

On Feb 6, Al-Jubeir had reportedly told The New York Times that he did not think the RM2.6 billion was a political donation, or that it originated from the Saudi government.

Instead, the minister said the money was from an unspecified "investment" in Malaysia.

Apandi had on Jan 26 closed three Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) investigation papers against Najib concerning the RM2.6 billion political donation and RM42 million from SRC International transferred into Najib's personal bank accounts.