

Kini Roundup: Don't expect apology from Dr M, Penang CM on immigration watchlist MalaysiaKini.com

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Here's a recap of major headlines yesterday you may have missed.

Don't expect apology from Dr M

Dr Mahathir Mohamad will not apologise to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak over his harsh criticism of the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and the RM2.6 billion donation issues, said Umno supreme council member Mohd Ali Rustam.

Multimedia and Communication Minister Salleh Said Keruak recalled how rumours of Mahathir's daughter "eloping with an Indian man" when he was prime minister had caused the stock markets to dip.

Meanwhile, the wily Mahathir will once again hit the streets of Kuala Lumpur in his anti-Najib crusade, this time joining the Malaysian Trades Union Congress' (MTUC) May Day celebration with Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali on May 1.

1MDB a test of cross-border graft response

The 1MDB affair could serve as an important test of how the world deals with cross-border corruption, said The Economist, claiming that investigations within Malaysia have been "timid or stymied" and therefore leaving "other countries to make the running".

Meanwhile, a former banker with the Singapore branch of Switzerland's BSI Bank has been charged with money laundering following the city state's investigation into 1MDB.

Guan Eng on Sarawak Immigration watchlist

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has been informed that he is on the Sarawak Immigration watchlist. Though he was allowed to enter the state last night, he can be asked to leave at any time by police.

With nomination day for the Sarawak election two days away, Pakatan Harapan coalition partners DAP and PKR have still not ironed out an agreement over four to five overlapping seats, though Azmin said that they are working hard on resolving the matter.

Amanah deputy president Salahuddin Ayub told reporters in Kuching that the newly formed party will contest 13 seats, fielding two Christians and two women, in its election debut in Sarawak.

More Kini bites

Analysts contrast and compare the difference between Sarawak bumiputera tycoons and their Chinese counterparts.

For the crime of going against party president Najib Abdul Razak, his former deputy Muhyiddin Yassin, sacked Kedah menteri besar Mukhriz Mahathir and former minister Shafie Apdal are no longer Umno's favourite sons, argued Mohd Ali Rustam.

Nangka assemblyperson Dr Annuar Rapaee have accused Malaysiakini of taking his remarks out of context over his call for minority Muslims in Sarawak to vote for BN in the May 7 election to retain the state's leadership.

Looking ahead

Today is the last day of the five-day grace period for 1MDB to settle the US\$50 million interest payment that is due on its US\$3.5 billion bond ends. If the state-owned investment arm fails to settle the amount by day's end, it will be considered to be in default.

Deputy Finance Minister Johari Abdul Ghani to open the 1Malaysia Internet Centre in Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur.

Contesting parties in Sarawak will spend the weekend preparing for the 11th state election's nomination day on Monday.

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