

What happened to RM12m 'donation'? Please enlighten us
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[Return ransom money to hostages' kin, Zahid told](#)

Bystander: Ransom money is akin to blood money and it was raised due partly to the incompetence of the relevant authority who failed to safeguard and protect its citizens.

If the release of the kidnapped victims was secured without the need to pay the ransom money, then it must and should be returned to its donors.

The Home Ministry has absolutely no right to arbitrarily decide otherwise, like donating to an organisation of its choice. It is not its money, period.

Negarawan: "It is not government money, so who is he to decide to give it to an Islamic agency? It is the height of irresponsibility and is totally unacceptable," said Consumers' Association of Subang and Shah Alam (Cassa) president Jacob George.

Yes, there is no accountability as to how the fund was used. If indeed the hostages were released unconditionally, then there was no necessity or logic for Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi to donate the fund to an obscure foreign Islamic organisation. This all sounds very suspicious.

Anyway, the Eastern Sabah Security Command (Esscom) has proven to be an utter failure and is merely a facade for Umno to win public support and to secure multi-million ringgit contracts.

The failure of Esscom has further emboldened kidnappers and kidnapping activities will surely continue into the foreseeable future, to the detriment of Sabahans.

Anonymous_1372741039: This is a shocker. Who authorised Zahid to donate the money when it is neither his nor the government's money?

There must be accountability and if true, he must be made to return the RM12 million. Is the DPM empowered to do according to his whims and fancies?

This is just too much and smacks of sheer and unspeakable arrogance.

4Malaysia: Zahid has shown himself to be an incompetent leader. He can't protect Sabah and its people. He can't even allegedly lie in a believable way. And he makes himself look so stupid.

CQ Muar: Incidentally, this home minister is also the current deputy prime minister of this country.

Did anyone ever envisage the likelihood that such a person would turn out to be the next PM in the event Najib Razak cease to be prime minister? I just dread to imagine.

Tembikai: Please name the Islamic organisation that you have channelled the money.

I am sure these Islamic organisations, if they know that families had to mortgage their assets to raise the money, will not hesitate to return it.

6th Generation Immigrant: One would think the inspector-general of police (IGP) and the home minister must get their facts right first before opening their mouths.

Also, were there a government-to-government agreement for Malaysia to hand money to Islamic organisations (why not Christians organisations as well?) in the Philippines?

Legit: The money was collected by the grieving families from the sale of their homes and donation from the public not only in Malaysia but also from other countries, such as Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and others.

What gave Zahid the right to donate it to the Islamic agencies in the Philippines? Is this government protecting the rights of Malaysians or some Islamic agencies in other countries? What kind of government is this?

Pedasm: So what is the real story? The police said they did not receive the money. The victims said the money was given to the police. Now the home minister said it was given to some Islamic organisations in the Philippines.

Why give to these Islamic organisations? Something is terribly wrong

Headhunter: This is a shameful, selfish and illegal act by someone in authority. The money belongs to all the donors and should be returned to them if they had not been paid to the kidnappers.

And giving away the money to NGOs, which are mostly Islamist sympathisers, is an insult to all who donated to save the victims.

The fact that all details are kept secret is a testimony that they have a lot to hide. But then, why are we surprised? They always treat our money like it belongs to their grandfathers anyway.

YHJ: Zahid, if indeed what you claim is true, who gave you the right to give away cash which is not yours?

On the other hand, could it be possible that the money has been channelled into somebody's private account? Come on, please tell us the truth for once.

Roar for Truth: Abu Sayyaf no longer accepts ransoms, they prefer donations to specific charitable organisations.

It makes it seem less criminal and more holy even though the act of kidnapping, beheading when "donations" are not forthcoming, remains the same.

Who Are You Kidding DPM: First, it's charity organisation, then it's an Islamic body in the Philippines. So what is the real deal?

I don't think anyone of us here thinks Abu Sayyaf is a charity organisation...