

Najib: I know nothing about it
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Najib Abdul Razak has denied speculations that he was behind the retraction of private investigator P Balasubramaniam's first statutory declaration (SD) which had linked him with a murdered Mongolian woman.
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"I have no knowledge of anything. I know nothing about him," he told reporters when asked on the matter in Pekan today.

In the first SD made public on Thursday, Balasubramaniam claimed he was told that Najib had a sexual relationship with the woman and that the DPM had introduced the Mongolian to his aide, Abdul Razak Baginda.

p balasubramaniam private investigator altantuya murder caseHowever, the private eye retracted all parts linking Najib to the woman in his second SD made the following day.

As at 4pm today, Malaysiakini learns that Bala and his family had 'gone missing' and that his cousin was contemplating filing a 'missing person' report with the police.

At the Pahang event, Najib also said that Malaysian politics was degenerating to a level of being dirty with the opposition using slander and statutory declaration to achieve their political objectives.

He charged that the opposition was inclined to make fools of the rule of law and politicise cases currently being tried in court to change people's perception towards government leaders.

"I mention this as a principle, meaning if we love our country we must realise that to build a country like Malaysia is not something easy. Don't we do something that can destroy what we have done.

"Secondly, the rule of law is very important. Don't we talk about law of the jungle and so on but we ourselves are not practising it," he was quoted in a Bernama report.

Lots of assumptions

Najib said slander was not something new in politics but the information technology era had enabled slander to spread wider and quicker.

On the trend of making sworn declaration to run down leaders, Najib said: "They are undermining legal provisions because they are not afraid. Perhaps, they have certain motives and intentions. Perhaps also they get some rewards. Lots of assumptions we can make."

najib rosmah and altantuya murder caseCommenting on the initial allegations against him in Balasubramaniam's first SD, Najib said he was leaving it to the authorities whether to take action.

"This (the first statutory declaration) should not have happened. I regret this thing happened and it is because firstly a case is ongoing in court. Should the same happen in other countries, action would surely be taken against them because it is subjudice touching on a case still being tried in court.

"My regret was there were opposition leaders involved in the press conference touching on a case still ongoing in court. The case was serious involving the fate of three people facing a very serious charge. Why would we want to inject political elements and so on?" he said.

Asked whether Balasubramaniam's statutory declaration had tarnished his image, Najib said: "I have to face it. What can I do when they have such an intention.

"I have to accept that in Malaysian politics it is okay to play dirty, make fools of the law as long as their objectives are achieved," he said.

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