

Prime Minister's overseas trips cost nearly RM9mil
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KUALA LUMPUR - PKR Senator Syed Husin Ali revealed Wednesday a list with details of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's official trips abroad which amount to RM8,724,895.91.

The PKR man wanted to know what is the real profit from all these trips overseas, and the return from all these expenditures.

Free Malaysia Today reported that the list, provided by the Prime Minister's Department, showed that visits to Japan, the United States and Vietnam were the most expensive trips out of the 42 trips conducted by Najib.

The trips had cost RM2,094,635.39 and took place between April 5 and 22 this year.

Najib's first trip overseas as Malaysia's Prime Minister was to Thailand on April 10, 2009, which cost RM78,507.55.

The list also stated that Najib spent a total of RM630,467 in a nine-day trip to France from Oct 1 to 9 in 2009.

The most expensive trip to a single country took place between Sept 20 and Oct 8 this year, when the premier spent RM1,043,923 in a visit to the US, the news website reported.

Najib had also spent two vastly different amounts in two separate trips to Thailand: RM3,346.08 in Nov 23 to 25 trip; and RM84,572.04 in Dec 6 to 10 trip.

Pointing out that PM had spent 274 days out of his 588 days in office (up to Nov 19, 2010) overseas, Syed Husin accused Najib of spending half his time overseas when he should have been taking care of the country's problems.

According to Syed Husin, the expenses of the three-day First Ladies Summit, which was initiated by Prime Minister's wife Rosmah Mansor, had cost up to RM 4.498 million.

"What is the basis of giving RM4.5 million to the Najib's wife to have this conference? What about the role of the Raja Permaisuri Agong?" he said and quoted by FMT.

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