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Cops not notified of US probe into 1MDB, PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: Police yesterday denied there was an investigation by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) into 1Malaysia Development Bhd and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said they had not, to date, received any notification or request of assistance from the FBI on that matter.

"I refer to reports on alleged investigation being conducted by the FBI on 1MDB and the prime minister that have been circulated on social media.

"The police would like to reaffirm that we have not been notified by the FBI of any investigation by them into 1MDB or the prime minister.

"The bureau has not tendered any official request for assistance with regards to the said issue," he said in a statement.

Khalid advised those who want to know the truth to contact FBI headquarters in Washington instead of relying on media reports.

"We would like to advise those seeking information to direct all enquiries to the FBI office in Washington and not to rely on media news."

Social media had been abuzz with stories alleging that the state investment arm and Datuk Seri Najib Razak was under probe by the US federal authority, especially since sister publications *New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, owned by media baron Rupert Murdoch, published unsubstantiated stories last month claiming that Najib was facing such investigation and arrest.

It was reported that Deputy IGP Datuk Seri Noor Rashid Ibrahim, in denying the claims, had said if a probe had been launched by the FBI, police would have been notified.