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## Salleh: His actions tarnished PM, nation

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**KOTA BARU:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should apologise to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Malaysians for making false allegations about the RM2.6 billion donation.

Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak said Dr Mahathir's action had tarnished the prime minister and the nation.

"He should apologise for his actions and stop making baseless accusations. The prime minister has been consistent with his response on the issue, and investigations have supported his claims.

"From the beginning, the prime minister has maintained that the funds were from the Saudi government and had nothing to do with

Malaysia Development Bhd," he said after the launch of the Mesra Siswa Perdana 2016 programme at SM Kadok here yesterday.

Present was Ketereh member of parliament Tan Sri Annuar Musa. The event was attended by 800 students from 18 public universities.

Salleh said Dr Mahathir did not want to accept any of the findings by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Attorney-General's Chambers and the Public Accounts Committee.

"Despite all the evidence pointing to the fact that the RM2.6 billion was a political donation, Dr Mahathir does not want to let go. It seems like he has something personal."

Salleh also said his ministry would postpone the debate between

Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng and Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan.

He said this taken was upon the advice of Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar, who expressed concern that the debate could disrupt investigations into the Taman Manggis land sale and Lim's RM2.8 million bungalow purchase.

"The IGP has advised the ministry to postpone the debate until the police have finished investigations. We respect that view, and have agreed to postpone the debate."

MACC investigations director Datuk Azam Baki had expressed similar concerns.