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MO1 is Najib, says Rahman

> 'US Dept of Justice didn't identify him because he's not part of the probe'

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PETALING JAYA: Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan has confirmed that "Malaysian Official 1" (MO1) is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"I've said it openly. Obviously if you read the documents, it is the prime minister," Abdul Rahman was quoted as saying by British media network BBC on its website yesterday.

In a statement to the local media yesterday, Abdul Rahman, who is also Barisan Nasional strategic

communications director, confirmed that he had made the statement to the BBC.

"As I told the BBC, it's obvious that the so-called MO1 referred to by the US Department of Justice (DoJ) is our Prime Minister," he added in the statement.

Abdul Rahman had suggested to the BBC that the reason Najib was not named in the report was because he was not involved in the investigation.

"There have been other people who are named ... and the DoJ will take this to the courts and the courts will decide," he said.

MO1 is mentioned 36 times in the DoJ civil filing to seize more than US\$3.5 billion in assets allegedly purchased with money embezzled from state investment fund iMalaysia Development Bhd (iMDB).

Last Saturday, more than 1,000 participants clad in black and white



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had marched towards Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur to compel the authorities to identify and reveal the identity of MO1.

The rally, dubbed

#TangkapMO1, was organised by a coalition of student and youth groups and received support from electoral watchdog Bersih 2.0, opposition coalition Pakatan Harapan's

Youth wing, Suara Rakyat Malaysia (Suaram), C4, Lawyers for Liberty, Persatuan Hak Asasi Manusia Kebangsaan (Hakam), Sisters in Islam (SIS), Empower and Ikram Malaysia.