

Najib Reiterates He Does Not Know Altantuya Shaariibuu
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak reiterated that he had never known Altantuya Shaariibuu and was never directly or indirectly involved with the death of the Mongolian woman.

"And there is no proof at all that I knew Altantuya. None at all..no photographs, no witnesses and et cetera. The court had gone through its process until the Federal Court. Are we going to question the integrity of the court which we had defended before this?" he said in the Special Edition TV3 Question and Answer Programme, here tonight, hosted by Hamadan Ahmir.

The Prime Minister said this when asked if he was involved in the case because, although it happened a long time ago, it was still being raised including by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, on who had directed the police officers involved to kill Altantuya.

The Appeals Court on June, 2013 said there was no proof to connect Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak with the death of the Mongolian woman Altantuya Shaariibuu.

Deputy Public Prosecutor, Datuk Tun Abdul Majid Tun Hamzah said a person cannot arbitrarily accuse or connect anything with Najib who was at that time the Deputy Prime Minister, only because Abdul Razak Baginda who happened to know Najib, and DSP Musa Safri was the personal bodyguard of the Deputy Prime Minister at that time.

Najib clarified that he had uttered an oath 'Wallahi Wabillahi Watallahi', three times including at a mosque in Permatang Pauh in 2008. "This story is in 2008...a long time ago. Actually, I have recited the oath Wallahi Wabillahi Watallahi, three times including at a mosque in Permatang Pauh in 2008... that I am not acquainted with Altantuya and I am not at all involved whether directly or indirectly."

He said the police had investigated and the Inspector-General of Police at that time had made a statement that he was not involved.

"And during that time Pak Lah as Prime Minister had reported, and the Inspector-General of Police had made a statement, that I was not involved," he said.

He also answered questions on his meetings with Dr Mahathir prior to this concerning several issues and whether the former prime minister had asked about Altantuya.

"Not directly but we did discuss it once. During the discussion, I saw he did not question me on my involvement in the Altantuya case. And I consider the matter does not arise at all.

Through the discussion, Najib said he still showed respect for Dr Mahathir by visiting the house of the former prime minister instead of making Dr Mahathir go to his house.

"For example, although I am Prime Minister, but I went to his house, I did not make him come to my house.

"But regardless, whatever it is we discussed, I need to decide as the Prime Minister," he added.

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