

Why bring up Altantuya case again, it's over, says Idris Jusoh
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There is no need to bring up the murder of Mongolian citizen Altantuya Shaariibuu anymore since the case has concluded in the country's highest court, said Second Education Minister, Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh today.

He said the Altantuya case was being harped on without end because there were those who do not respect the law.

"If they want answers, we can give answers. It is finished at federal court level, finished. The judicial system has made its decision.

"Everyone went to court, took the oath. It is finished. End of story lah," said Idris at an event in Kuala Lumpur.

The Altantuya murder controversy was back in the spotlight again after former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad raised questions about the allegations by one of the convicted killers, who is now under Australian immigration custody.

Former police commando Sirul Azhar Umar, once a member of Datuk Seri Najib Razak's security apparatus, claimed he was "under orders" to kill Altantuya.

Dr Mahathir said in a blog posting last week that such an allegation ought to be investigated because Sirul had worked for Najib.

In his posting on chedet.cc last Thursday, Dr Mahathir also delved into problems surrounding 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), questioning the need for Putrajaya to give it a standby credit facility of almost RM1 billion, the fund's purchase of government land and its dubious deal with little-known oil company, PetroSaudi International.

He then questioned the source of funds for Najib's stepson, Riza Aziz, to purchase luxury properties in New York through businessman Low Taek Jho, who is better known as Jho Low.

"There are many other allegations and questions against 1MDB that was set up by Datuk Seri Najib, which is controlled by him as adviser that have not been answered, other than to deny and call the allegations lies.

"The reports in New York and London newspapers are extremely embarrassing for the country," Dr Mahathir added, referring to foreign media reports on 1MDB and Low.

Dr Mahathir also mentioned the new private jet purchased for Najib, describing it as a "waste" since the government already had other jets.

Idris said the government had instructed the Auditor-General to check 1MDB's books.

He also defended the purchase of the new jet, stressing that the plane was for government use, and not for the use of certain individuals.

"It is a government jet. Ministers will also be using it," he said.

Dr Mahathir had been criticising Najib for some time now and his criticisms had gotten harsher with the veteran leader saying Barisan Nasional and Umno would fall in the next polls should Najib continued to helm the party.

The remark is seen as the harsher criticism against Najib by Dr Mahathir, who still has influence in Umno.

Several Umno leaders have said that Najib would not disregard the criticisms. They have also urged him to reply to the questions raised by Dr Mahathir. – April 6, 2015.

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