

**Altantuya Issues Continue To Be Recycled By The Opposition - PM Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said despite the death of Mongolian woman Altantuya Shaariibuu having been investigated, tried and concluded in the Federal Court, the issue continues to be "recycled" by the opposition.

Najib said he also found it disturbing when the issue was being brought up once again.

"We all know that if veteran leaders insist on bringing it up, even in passing, it would automatically cause the issue to be resurrected once again.

"Such influential individuals have many resources. When the issue erupted, I believe they would still have been able to verify the validity of the allegations," he said this in his latest postings in his blog NajibRazak.com.

Najib Sunday listed 13 allegations and claims along with his response at the allegations hurled at him and the government.

Najib said the influential individuals had many resources, and when the issue erupted, he believed that they would still have been able to verify the validity of the allegations.

"If they believed this to be true, why did they not raise it when the issue erupted eight years ago? Why now? Some have said that they are only questioning the issue now as it has turned into a matter of life and death of those who have been convicted," he added.

Najib said the case has been tried in the courts, with a clear verdict and punishment meted out, and thus, "are they disputing the very judicial system that they put in place?"

The Appeals Court in June, 2013 said there was no proof to connect prime minister Najib with the death of Altantuya. He said the dispute was made despite the court's lengthy deliberation and judgment, with ample time given to the appellant to have their case heard and judged, his 'Sumpah Laknat' or swearing, and the repeated denials he had made.

Besides "the public explanation provided by Razak Baginda, some people continue to question the issue and keep trying to implicate me," he added.

Najib said people must take into account that in politics, many issues keep being played up, and this is one of them.

"It became hot at a time when I was PM-in-waiting and the Opposition needed a way to prevent me from advancing," he said and added that, the opposition parties and their media have irresponsibly tried to play the psy-war game by trying to implicate him and influence perception.

"They even went as far as to superimpose a photo of me, dining with the victim in a restaurant. In this era of social media, these things go viral uncontrollably, including the superimposed photo," he said.

Thus, it is unfair to force him to investigate this case again and demand to know who, if anyone, had ordered the killing.

"I am not involved and do not know anything about it. The court has determined who was guilty of the murder. That should be the end of the story," he added.

Touching on the claim that crime has increased since the Internal Security Act (ISA) was abolished, Najib said it was untrue since last year alone, the police managed to reduce crime rates in the country by 12.6 percent, while the violent crime has dropped by 13.4 percent.

He said the Royal Malaysia police have been working hard to ensure that all Malaysians are safe from all forms of crime and violence. He said ISA, which was set up with the sole purpose of fighting the communist insurgency, has become irrelevant now.

While to counter violent extremism, the government has introduced the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2015, which aimed to combat new challenges, including the rise of the IS militant group and will not be used for political ends.

Touching on the claim that the services, expertise and experience of the civil servants are no longer needed, Najib said the civil service has always been and forever will be at the centre of the country's administration and operations, and plays an integral part in government system.

"Just because a few individuals and parties are appointed to assist, it does not mean their experiences are no longer needed. This is simply an unfair comment that lacks objectivity. Assist yes, take over no," he added.

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