

**It Is Silly To Base Action & Prosecution On Wild Allegations & Tabloid Exposés, Says Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 9 (Bernama) -- It is silly for the government to base its actions and prosecutions on wild allegations and tabloid exposés, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Najib was referring to Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's claim that "Asking people not to ask any questions until the Auditor-General (AG) reports is silly."

AG is in the midst of auditing the government-owned strategic development company, 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

"I also want answers quickly but if we don't allow the authorities to provide us with the information in a proper and legal manner, how can the government take action against anyone who is found guilty?"

"Is the government supposed to base its actions and prosecutions on wild allegations and tabloid exposés? Now that would be silly," he said in his latest posting on his blog [www.najibrazak.com](http://www.najibrazak.com).

Given how sensational and politicised the 1MDB issue has become following various 'exposés' and 'revelations' on certain suspect websites and third party news portals, as well as, attacks from veteran politicians, "it is almost impossible for the management of 1MDB or anyone else to explain various parts of the issue without seeing their statements being spun, twisted and exaggerated by parties with ulterior motives," Najib wrote.

"That is why a full accounting of the facts by lawful authorities are needed so that there can be no misinterpretation or spin.

"Allowing the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and AG to present the facts in full will put us all in a better position to determine what transpired," said Najib, who is also Finance Minister.

The prime minister, who is the chairman of 1MDB's Board of Advisors, said the AG has a reputation of being uncompromising when reporting about the weaknesses in public finances.

He also highlighted that the PAC consisted of lawmakers from both the government and the Opposition.

"Thus, it is ironic that some claim that the AG will reveal nothing when it is generally known that his job is to disclose a true and fair view of a ministry's or company's finances. In any case, the PAC has a much wider scope and has already begun their probe," he said.

Najib also said some individuals are also unsatisfied that it would take time to produce the findings.

"If the objective is to really find out the truth about 1MDB rather than trying to oust the current leadership, then the auditors should be given the necessary time to come out with the results.

"There is no proof that anyone has been 'robbed', only allegations. Does that mean we should spread rumours and speculation and move to oust the country's leaders if instant answers are not provided, rather than getting a true account of what has transpired?" he asked.

On another claim that 1MDB, with the knowledge of its advisors, were involved with money laundering, Najib said that accusation was for the AG and PAC to address in their comprehensive reports.

"However, I would like to state that I had no knowledge of any money laundering by 1MDB. Should anyone be found guilty of money laundering, they will be brought to justice," he added.

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