

Government Will Not Clamp Down Media To Silence 1MDB Issues

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PUTRAJAYA, June 29 (Bernama) -- The government will not clamp down the media as a move to silence speculations and issues such as the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), said Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar.

He said people were still making allegations against the government all the time while speculations by the media, be it in the mainstream or social media, was still on-going.

"I don't think the government has the power to stop media from what they want to say. The government is not going to clamp down the media, that is the promise by the government," he told reporters after performing the soft launch of Fourth General Police Equipment Exhibition and Conference (GPEC) Asia 2015, here Monday.

He was asked to comment on claims that the investigation on former PetroSaudi International Ltd (PSI) executive Andre Xavier Justo, who is now detained in Thailand, was a move to silence media to justify in future that the government does not have to answer on 1MDB issue.

Wan Junaidi said Malaysia would assist the Thai authorities in investigating Justo who was responsible for providing incorrect information about 1MDB to the 'Sarawak Report' blog.

Meanwhile, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar, who also present at the event, said the police might call TheEdge and Sarawak Report for further investigation over their articles on 1MDB.

"If there is necessity, we will call anybody for that matter (for investigation)," he said.

Last week, Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi was reportedly said that TheEdge and its owner Tong Kooi Ong must be held responsible for publishing inaccurate reports and false information on 1MDB from the Sarawak Report.

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