

## **Muhyiddin Welcomes Najib's Denial Over 1MDB Allegations**

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 4 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin Saturday welcomed the denial issued by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak over allegations that he (Najib) had received money from several entities said to be linked to government investment company 1Malaysia Development Bhd.

The deputy prime minister said he was confident that the authorities would carry out a thorough, transparent and impartial probe into the allegations to find the truth.

"While the probe is being conducted, I urge all parties to remain calm," he said in a statement here.

Najib, in a statement last night, stressed, among others, that he had never taken money from any government-linked company or any other entity for personal gain.

He said the allegations were a political sabotage to remove him as the prime minister who had been democratically elected.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, in a separate statement, said a Special Task Force, made up of representatives from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, the Royal Malaysia Police and Bank Negara Malaysia, had already started investigations related to the 1MDB issue.

Abdul Gani said the team had obtained several documents which were later submitted to him for checking.

"I can confirm that I have received documents related to 1MDB, including documents related to claims that funds were channelled into bank accounts belonging to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, from the Special Task Force.

"Pursuant to this, I scrutinised and checked all the documents submitted and provided advice and guidance to the Special Task Force on the follow-up action to be taken," he said.

He also confirmed that yesterday the Special Task Force raided SRC International Sdn Bhd, Gandingan Mentari Sdn Bhd and Ihsan Perdana Sdn Bhd and obtained documents from their premises.

Abdul Gani said he hoped that all parties would extend their cooperation to enable the Special Task Force to undertake its investigation and not issue statements that would confuse the public.

Yesterday, Ihsan Perdana, in a statement, denied having transferred funds into any personal account of individuals, including Najib's. – BERNAMA

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