

**Public Must Reject Defamatory Remarks Against PM, 1MDB**  
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JERANTUT, July 4 (Bernama) -- Malaysians must reject baseless accusations from certain parties that the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) had provided funds to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

UMNO Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the accusations were defamatory as there are no solid evidence to support.

"To me, every accusation must have proof, it is very easy, when we accuse someone we must have the proof, if there are accusations without evidence, we must regard them as defamation.

"In this context, I hope Malaysians do not believe (the accusations) and consider them defamation against the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak," he told reporters after the launch of the 2015 seasonal fruits marketing plan at the Jerantut FAMA Operations Centre, here Saturday.

He was commenting on a report by The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) that Malaysian investigators had allegedly traced almost US\$700 million which was deposited in the Prime Minister's personal bank account.

Ismail Sabri said the recent accusation against the 1MDB was clearly defamatory as the documents were obtained from sources that had manipulated them.

He said the arrest of a former senior executive of PetroSaudi International Ltd (PetroSaudi), Xavier Andre Justo recently proved that the accusations were baseless.

Thai police were earlier reported to have detained the Swiss national for attempting to blackmail PSI, an international company based in Saudi Arabia and best known in Malaysia for its former dealings with 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

Following the blackmail attempt, several emails and documents were published by Sarawak Report, politically-motivated blog, leading to various accusations against the 1MDB.

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