

1MDB: Don't Be Too Hasty To Judge PM, Hishammudin Urges Public
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 5 (Bernama) -- The people are urged not be too hasty to judge Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak following allegations by the international media against the prime minister over the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) issue.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the claims made were merely based on media reports, the truth of which had not been verified.

In a statement Sunday, he called on those making the allegations against the prime minister to come forward with concrete proof.

"This is important as the allegations not only involve the prime minister's honour and credibility, but also the Malaysian government's image in the eyes of the world," said Hishammuddin, who is also an UMNO vice-president.

A Wall Street Journal (WSJ) report claimed that Najib received a huge amount of funds pumped directly to his personal bank account.

Najib in a statement on Friday, said he had never taken funds from 1MDB or any other entity for his personal interest, and described the false allegations as political sabotage to topple him.

Hishammuddin said he believed the special task force comprising representatives of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Bank Negara Malaysia and police would conduct the investigations on 1MDB fairly and impartially.

"The prime minister has issued a statement to explain the matter. I am with him and fully support him in taking action against parties who made the baseless allegations against him," he said.

Wanita UMNO chief, Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil also urged the public not to be too quick to come to conclusion over the latest WSJ report on the 1MDB issue.

She said Malaysians should not accept as gospel truth, the reported allegations as they were made without strong, valid proof, besides the claims made by various quarters, whether from inside or outside the country, against 1MDB.

In a statement issued today, Shahrizat also urged Malaysians to be patient for the announcements from the relevant agencies which were taking action against WSJ, Sarawak Report and others over the allegations, and to stop speculating on the issue.

"I believe the prime minister can solve this crisis like he had when facing various tests in the past," she said. In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Community Development and Consumer

Affairs Minister, Datuk Jainab Ahmad Ayid urged the people not to be influenced by allegations against the prime minister over the 1MDB issue.

She said it was the responsibility of the authorities concerned to investigate the allegations, while the focus now should be assisting those much in need of assistance.

"Due to the allegations, our country is receiving pressure from outside but let's not lose focus on other matters such as the Ranau mud flood victims and the less fortunate this Ramadan," she added.

Jainab, who is also a Wanita UMNO exco member, was speaking at the handing- out of contributions to the recipients at the 'Sinar Ramadan Bersama Jakel' event, today.

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