

1MDB: Frozen Bank Accounts Not Najib's - A-G
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 8 (Bernama) -- The Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail has clarified that the freeze orders issued on July 6 did not involve any bank accounts allegedly held by the Prime Minister.

In a statement, he expressed "strong concern" at the leakage of documents pertaining to an ongoing criminal investigation, and called for a thorough probe.

Abdul Gani noted that the documents disclosed in The Wall Street Journal's article, entitled "Malaysia Orders Freeze of Accounts Tied to Probe of Alleged Transfers to Prime Minister Najib", dated July 7, were the subject-matter of the investigation.

He said that he would not hesitate to prosecute any person found to have leaked confidential investigation-related information as such disclosure was an offence under section 133 of the Financial Services Act 2013 and section 145 of the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013.

"It is also a criminal offence under section 203A of the Penal Code for any person to disclose any information or matter which has been obtained by him in the performance of his duties or the exercise of his functions under any written law and for any person who has any information or matter which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of the law to further disclose that information or matter to any person," he added.

Abdul Gani stressed that "this was not a question of whistle-blowing because the matter is already under investigation".

"A further concern was that the documents were allegedly leaked from within the investigation itself," he said.

Abdul Gani said the concern over the leakage was "endorsed" by Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar and Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed.

Abdul Gani also expressed his concern at the "insinuations and allegations" linking him to certain political agenda.

The whole purpose of establishing an inter-agency Special Task Force to investigate the matter was to ensure that there could be no abuse of the mechanism, he said.

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