

Perak BNBBC Urges Prosecution Of Individual Who Leaked 1MDB Info
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IPOH, July 9 (Bernama) -- The Perak Barisan Nasional Back Benchers Club (BNBBC) today urged the authorities to trace and prosecute the individual who had leaked confidential information that has sparked the issue over 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) funds transfer.

Perak BNBBC chairman Datuk Mohd Khusairi Abdul Talib said this must be done immediately by Bank Negara Malaysia, the Royal Malaysia Police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

"Leaking such information is a very serious matter, more so when the information was sent abroad particularly to The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) and the London-based Sarawak Report news portal.

"The intention was to topple a government democratically elected by the people," he said in a statement.

The Wall Street Journal and Sarawak Report had published articles last week alleging that nearly US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) in 1MDB funds had been channelled to the personal bank accounts of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Najib has dismissed the allegations as political sabotage and a plot to topple a democratically elected prime minister. He has initiated legal action against WSJ.

A special task force comprising officials from the Attorney-General's Chambers, Bank Negara, the police and MACC is investigating the allegations and has ordered the freezing of six bank accounts.

Mohd Khusairi, who is the head of the Tanjung Malim UMNO Division, said Bank Negara, the police and MACC should provide adequate information to the attorney-general to prosecute the individual as soon as possible.

Yesterday, Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail said 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.

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