

Authorities must investigate claims in WSJ report, says Muhyiddin
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Malaysian authorities must immediately investigate The Wall Street Journal's claims that some US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) flowed into Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal bank accounts, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said the allegations were serious and jeopardised Najib's credibility as the prime minister and leader of the Malaysian government.

"I am of the stance that Malaysian investigative authorities such as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Bank Negara Malaysia and the police, with the cooperation of the attorney-general, must immediately investigate the allegations made against Najib.

"I am confident that investigations into this matter will be carried out thoroughly, transparently and independently for the sake of uncovering the truth," said Muhyiddin in a statement.

He added that he found the WSJ report to be "very worrying", in stark contrast to other Umno ministers, including Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Datuk Hasan Malek and Khairy Jamaluddin, who have either dismissed the article or questioned its veracity.

Unlike his colleagues, Muhyiddin did not criticise the WSJ, but instead urged the prime minister to take legal action against those who made the allegations.

He was commenting on Sarawak Report and the WSJ's articles that investigations into debt-ridden 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) allegedly uncovered billions of ringgit channelled to the personal accounts of the prime minister.

Both quoted documents from the 1MDB probe that was being carried out by the Malaysian government, with Sarawak Report saying the attorney-general was also aware of the information.

The WSJ said documents showed that US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) was moved among government agencies, banks and entities linked to 1MDB and finally ending up in the prime minister's personal accounts in five separate deposits.

Najib denied using public funds in a Facebook posting yesterday. Today, a Malay daily reported that he would take legal action against the WSJ. – July 4, 2015.

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