

Minister wants public to reject defamatory remarks about Najib
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Malaysians must reject accusations that 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) provided funds to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, says Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

The agriculture and agro-based industry minister said the accusations were defamatory as there were no solid evidence to support them.

"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 Najib," he told reporters at the Jerantut Fama Operations Centre in Pahang today.

He was commenting on a report by The Wall Street Journal that Malaysian investigators had allegedly traced almost US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) which was deposited into Najib's personal bank accounts.

Ismail said the recent accusation against 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, Xavier Andre Justo, proved that the accusations were baseless.

Thai police were earlier reported to have detained the Swiss national for attempting to blackmail PetroSaudi, an international company based in Saudi Arabia and known in Malaysia for its dealings with 1MDB. – Bernama, July 4, 2015.

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