

Shabery defends Najib, calls WSJ allegations illogical
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Allegations that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak used public funds for personal gain are illogical, says Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek.

"People will say it is not logical. If someone is to take the people's money worth more than RM2 billion and put it into his own account, it is not reasonable.

"It would have been surely detected by all the financial systems and banks very easily, so if people believe such stories, we must be careful because I am worried there is an ulterior motive to destroy the economy and national image," he said.

He was commenting on the expose by The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) which reported that Malaysian investigators had allegedly detected almost RM2.6 billion (US\$700 million) which had been deposited into Najib's personal bank accounts.

1Malaysia Development Berhad and Najib himself denied the matter and regarded the lie as one more effort to topple the government, he said.

"Many people say the WSJ will not publish a news report without checking it out. But basically it used a Sarawak Report whose credibility is questionable.

"Prior to this, PetroSaudi International Ltd had lodged a police report over tampered documents published in the Sarawak Report and an individual was arrested over the case.

"If we are to fully believe in the United States... at one point in time, this country had alleged that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, but until it was totally annihilated, the weapons were not found," he said.

He said all quarters, including the people, must be patient and wait for the result of an investigation by certified audits, including from abroad, on 1MDB before judging it. – Bernama, July 4, 2015.

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