

**PKR Youth pans young Umno leaders for defending Najib**  
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PKR Youth today criticised young Umno leaders who have "stubbornly" defended Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in the wake of allegations that some RM2.67 billion was credited into his personal accounts.

PKR Youth chief Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said their defense of Najib seemed all the more stranger when in contrast, other senior Umno leaders like Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, and Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal have called for the matter to be investigated.

Nik Nazmi was referring to rising Umno leaders like Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin as well as Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, who have slammed Wall Street Journal (WSJ) and Sarawak Report over their allegations against Najib, claiming it was baseless and unsubstantiated.

"I am disappointed and disgusted by the insistence of some young Umno leaders, particularly Khairy Jamaluddin and Abdul Rahman Dahlan, for their stubborn defence of Prime Minister Najib Razak in the matter of WSJ's allegations.

"Khairy and Rahman Dahlan's behaviour suggest that they are more concerned about political expediency than the good of the nation," Nik Nazmi said in a statement.

Despite having a reputation as the more "liberal" Umno leaders, Khairy and Rahman were not the leaders that young Malaysians who want change should put their hopes on, the Seri Setia assemblyman charged.

"The pattern of malfeasance and the abuse of public trust that has marked the Umno-BN administration must stop once and for all. Anything short of this will simply not do," he added.

PKR Youth had said on Saturday that it was mobilising members to lodge nationwide reports against Najib to press authorities to look into the allegations by the WSJ.

On Thursday, WSJ alleged that up to US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) was transferred to Najib's personal accounts in 2013, just before the 13th general election.

Najib denied the allegations and pinned the blame for the latest report on former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who has in recent months called for Najib's resignation.

WSJ, however, stood by its story, saying that the report was based on solid documentation proof.

A multi-agency task force has been set up to investigate the claims. – July 6, 2015.

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