

We will take to streets if Najib stays silent, says Bersih
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Electoral watchdog Bersih 2.0 will organise a fourth Bersih rally if no answers are forthcoming from the prime minister over the investigations into 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), Maria Chin Abdullah said today.

The Bersih 2.0 chairperson also urged Datuk Seri Najib Razak to vacate all his government posts temporarily while authorities probe into the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) report that billions of 1MDB's funds had been pumped into his personal accounts.

Maria also said the authorities must freeze the accounts of Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and their children during the investigation.

"Najib must reveal to the public the details of his bank accounts and explain whether the AmBank accounts under his name exist. If they do, then show the transaction details of that day," Maria told a press conference in Petaling Jaya today.

"The results of the investigations by Bank Negara Malaysia, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on 1MDB and related companies must be disclosed to the public immediately," she added.

Maria said these must be done in less than a month as there was no reason for any delay.

"We are considering that (Bersih 4) but we want answers about these four matters first. The reason why we are emphasising these four issues is because it involves public funds. He has made all sorts of statements but he has not taken any action.

"If after a month nothing happens, and none of the public institutions want to tell us what is happening, everyone will be furious. We won't be the only ones calling for Bersih 4 – the people will want it too."

Last Thursday, the WSJ alleged that up to US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) was transferred to Najib's personal bank accounts with AmPrivate Bank, just before the 13th general election.

Najib, however, responded that he had never taken any funds from 1MDB for personal gain 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.

However, opposition politicians have taken Najib to task over his "ambiguous denial", while WSJ is standing by its story, saying its report was based on solid proof.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail revealed in a statement on Saturday that a task force had raided three companies linked to funds allegedly channelled to Najib's personal bank accounts and that he has received investigation papers on the matter.

Gani said he had gone through the documents and gave further advice and directives to the task force consisting of the MACC, police and Bank Negara Malaysia.

Gani said the task force officials raided SRC International Sdn Bhd, Gandingan Mentari Sdn Bhd and Ihsan Perdana Sdn Bhd offices on Friday and obtained more documents. – July 6, 2015.

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