

Show us your bank accounts, Dr Mahathir tells Najib after WSJ reports
The Malaysian Insider
July 8, 2015

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has challenged Datuk Seri Najib Razak to reveal his bank accounts after the prime minister denied The Wall Street Journal's claims that some US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) has flowed into his personal bank accounts since March 2013.

The prime minister has denied using the government-owned Strategic Resources Corporation (SRC) money for "personal gain" and has sent a legal letter to the US business daily for its report on Friday.

"You say you deny, let's see the accounts," Dr Mahathir told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) TV in an interview aired today.

Dr Mahathir's remarks are the first he made on the WSJ revelations last Friday, although he has written extensively about Najib's lavish lifestyle and has asked the tax authorities to investigate the prime minister's wealth.

WSJ had reported that US\$11.1 million (RM42 million) from SRC had moved through other government-linked companies before ending up in two of Najib's personal accounts at AmBank in Kuala Lumpur between December 2014 and February this year.

A larger transfer of US\$681 million was made to Najib's accounts in two transactions in March 2013, ahead of the general election in May that year. That sum came from a company in the British Virgin Islands.

Dr Mahathir told the BBC that it was "easy" for Najib to prove his innocence.

"He has these bank accounts, all he has to do is say, 'you examine my accounts, you look at it'.

"Why doesn't he answer the charges made against him? When people charge him about something, he says it's nonsense and not true," the former prime minister said.

Dr Mahathir has called for Najib's resignation, putting the prime minister under pressure and also dividing his party, Umno, over his leadership.

Najib loyalists have said the investigations into 1MDB should be completed first, while the government's propaganda unit, the Special Affairs Department (Jasa), has said the WSJ's allegations were part of an international plot to attack Malaysia's leadership. – July 8, 2015.

Source:

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/show-us-your-bank-accounts-dr-mahathir-tells-najib>