

RM2 million deposited into Rosmah's account, claims Sarawak Report The Malaysian Insider July 9, 2015

Whistleblower site Sarawak Report today alleged documents from investigations into the controversial 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal revealed that RM2 million was deposited into the account of the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

The money, the blog said, was allegedly transferred to Rosmah's account in Affin Bank Berhad in eight deposits within two and a half months earlier this year.

"Baffling amounts of cash were deposited into it during the course of just two months at the start of this year," Sarawak Report said in its latest posting.

"According to documentation related to the 1MDB related enquiries, between February 10 and April 23, 2015, a gentleman called Roslan Sohari entered the central branch of the bank in Kuala Lumpur on eight occasions.

Sarawak Report claimed that he deposited RM2 million into a bank account, which "investigators have reported as belonging to Rosmah Binti Mansor (Datin Sri)".

The site said according to information it had received, Roslan came to the bank with cash in the form of notes in a bag.

The blog displayed a document which it said came from the investigation that showed Rosmah as being the owner of the account. It also showed her details and that of the depositor of the money, Roslan.

Calls by The Malaysian Insider to the telephone number that was shown in the document as belonging to Roslan were not answered and diverted to voicemail.

News portal Malaysiakini said it contacted Roslan who said he did not know about the deposits he allegedly made.

"No, I don't know," he was quoted saying by Malaysiakini.

He also told the portal that he never worked for the Prime Minister's Department, nor did he have links with Rosmah.

Sarawak Report also said the particular bank account purportedly belonging to Rosmah was now under investigation as it could be linked to the debt-ridden 1MDB.

"One of the key Board Members at Affin Bank is none other than Lodin Wok Kamaruddin, who is the Chairman of 1MDB," the website said.

Sarawak Report also questioned why such an enormous transaction was not immediately flagged down by authorities as suspicious to trigger an inquiry.

"As anyone who has deposited large sums of cash is well aware, such enormous transactions are immediately treated as suspicious. They automatically flag up on the banking system and trigger an enquiry," it said.

This latest allegation comes in the wake of last week's expose by Sarawak Report and The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported that US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) was moved among government agencies, banks and entities linked to 1MDB and finally ending up in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal accounts in five separate deposits between 2013 and this year.

A special task force consisting of Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chairman Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed and Bank Negara governor Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz, has been formed to look into the allegations.

The task force has frozen six bank accounts and seized documents related to 17 bank accounts.

It has already raided the offices of SRC International Sdn Bhd, Gandingan Mentari Sdn Bhd and Ihsan Perdana Sdn Bhd, the companies which were part of the local transfer of funds totaling US\$11.1 million (RM42 million).

Najib has denied taking funds for personal use but has not commented directly on the transfer of the money into his accounts. He instead blamed former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for masterminding the latest allegations. – July 9, 2015.

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