

We will act against those who tarnish the country's image, says minister
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Action may be taken against anyone who tries to tarnish the image of the country by criticising the government and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, said Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman.

The kind of action to be taken would be decided after Aidilfitri, he said.

"Wait until Hari Raya is over. Right now I do not have announcement to make," he told reporters after breaking fast with Wisma Putra staff and foreign dignitaries yesterday.

Asked if there would be any action against the Sarawak Report and The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), Anifah said "maybe... maybe."

Anifah said if the publications were banned, the public would accuse them of trying to restrict or stifle the press.

"But when it comes to the point of national interest we will take whatever action that is deemed fit and acceptable," he said.

When asked about the Cabinet meeting which discussed the WSJ's accusation, Anifah said such discussions were normal.

"It is a norm to discuss all issues. We are satisfied with the prime minister's explanation," he said.

Last Friday, The Wall Street Journal published a report alleging that nearly US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) funds had been channelled into the personal bank accounts of the prime minister.

The Cabinet said there should be no speculation over the issue and that the Special Task Force involving the police, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Attorney-General's Chambers and Bank Negara, should be allowed to complete its investigation.

Among others, the task force has ordered a freeze on six bank accounts of people believed to be involved in the case. – Bernama, July 9, 2015.

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