

**BN will say RM2.6 billion in Najib's accounts not 1MDB money, says Rafizi**  
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The public should get ready for proof from Barisan Nasional that the RM2.6 billion allegedly channelled into Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal bank accounts are in reality personal donations, said PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli.

Rafizi (pic, right) said that the so-called proof would be part of a "script" by BN's new communications team to convince the public that there was nothing corrupt about the funds going into Najib's bank accounts.

The script would also give the impression that the funds did not originate from troubled state investor 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) as has been claimed all this while, said Rafizi.

The script is to prepare the public for the eventuality that the investigation into the transfer of those funds will be closed after discoveries that there is nothing corrupt about them, Rafizi said.

"The statements from Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan and Datuk Azalina Othman Said give the impression that the RM2.6 billion is supposedly from international donors... instead of being from 1Malaysia Development Berhad," Rafizi said in a statement.

Instead of the money being from 1MDB-related companies, the RM2.6 billion will be said to be a personal donation from a rich Middle Eastern individual to Najib, he said.

Rafizi added that the donation was for Najib to fund the BN election campaign in the 13th general election.

Along with this, Rafizi said BN was likely to say the following:

- \* That there was documentary proof that the RM2.6 billion was a personal donation to Najib.

- \* That because of this proof, the transfer of RM2.6 billion had no element of corruption and was only a political donation. This transfer would be similar to the RM40 million received by Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman in February 2014.

- \* Based on this proof, the investigation into the RM2.6 billion transfer would find no element of corruption, and the case would be closed.

In order to prepare Malaysians to buy this story, Rafizi said BN was now championing the issue of political donations and daring opposition parties to declare their sources of funding.

"This issue is being brought up to cover up two important questions that Najib has not answered," Rafizi wrote.

"The first is, where has RM42 billion that 1MDB borrowed gone to and is it true that the money was taken by individuals close to Najib, such as (businessman) Low Taek Jho?

"Secondly, why was the RM2.6 billion, some of which is allegedly from 1MDB money, funnelled into the prime minister's personal accounts?"

A high-powered task force is currently investigating allegations that RM2.6 billion or up to US\$700 million was transferred into Najib's accounts from three companies tied to 1MDB.

The allegations of such a money trail dating to before the 13th general election in 2013 were first detailed by The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) and whistle-blower website Sarawak Report in early July.

Two days after the expose, the task force, consisting of the police, the Attorney-General's Chambers, Bank Negara and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) announced they were probing the allegations.

Najib says that he did not receive or use 1MDB money for personal gain.

In his answer to BN's challenge on political funding, Rafizi said PKR's daily operations were funded by deductions from the monthly salaries of its 29 MPs and 40 state assemblypersons.

The state assemblypersons and MPs in Penang and Selangor, which are governed by opposition parties, give 20% of their salaries to the party. Those in other states deduct 10%.

For other expenses, PKR holds donation drives from time to time, especially before an election.

"The collection from these events depends on attendance. Some can collect between RM50,000 and RM500,000 depending on how many tickets are sold," Rafizi said. – August 3, 2015.

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