

Is new A-G Najib's hatchet man, asks DAP
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Newly appointed Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali must state if he is willing to charge and prosecute the prime minister for corruption if investigations into 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) points to Datuk Seri Najib Razak, DAP said today.

Party's parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang also asks if the new A-G would ensure comprehensive follow-up into the claims by The Wall Street Journal that RM2.6 billion was deposited into Najib's accounts before the 13th general election.

"I want to ask Apandi whether he is going to be Najib's hatchet man to usher a new dark age subjecting national institutions to a second wave of attacks.

"Or whether he will be the nation's sentinel to ensure an enlightened and democratic Malaysia," Lim asked at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur today.

Lim also wondered if axed Attorney General Tan Sri Gani Patail would be allowed to continue heading the special task force or has been taken off the assignment.

He asked if the task force was still in existence as it now seemed to have suddenly gone into "hibernation".

He also said that the authorities must be aware that the rumour mill has been working overtime, suggesting that the powers that be were on the verge of a crackdown against a so-called ring of 13 conspirators in a plot to criminalise Najib and topple the prime minister.

According to Lim, this "ring of 13 conspirators" has been named as those who would be charged under Section 124 of the Penal Code, on offences related to activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy.

"Among the 13 conspirators named involve top personnel from three of the four agencies constituting the task force – four from Bank Negara, three from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, one from the task force, two members of the press and a member of parliament.

"Section 124 was enacted by Parliament in 2012 to deal with terrorism but it seems to have become a favourite weapon to deal with whistle blowers.

"This is why I ask if Apandi is going to be Najib's hatchet man to usher a new dark age subjecting national institutions to a second wave of attacks or will he be a sentinel to ensure a democratic Malaysia?

"We are in very dangerous times," Lim said. – July 30, 2015.

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