

Charge sheet draft against PM not from A-G's Chambers, says prosecution head

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The Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) has denied that it had drafted or issued an alleged charge sheet against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, which was disclosed by whistleblower site Sarawak Report.

Datuk Tun Abdul Majid Hamzah, who is the Deputy Solicitor General I (Litigation) in the AGC, said this via his Twitter account tonight.

"The draft of the charge that was published by Sarawak Report was not made or issued by the Attorney-General's Chambers," he said via his Twitter handle @TAMajid.

In its latest posting today, Sarawak Report today published a draft of the charge sheet purportedly done by former A-G Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail against the prime minister and a former managing director, who was arrested by a government special task force and later freed on bail, and Nik Faisal Ariff Nik Othman Kamil.

Sarawak Report also said the charge sheet against Najib had led to Gani's sacking on Monday although his contract as A-G was until October.

The site said that Gani was abruptly removed when he was "on the brink" of filing corruption charges against the prime minister.

"The documents, which were being worked in their final draft stages by the Attorney-General, were sent to the Sarawak Report following the sacking of Gani and have now been verified by other senior parties," it said.

Sarawak Report said the charge sheet against Najib was under Section 17 (a) of the MACC Act and an alternate charge under Section 409 of the Penal Code.

The first charge carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

Responding to the latest development, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said that Sarawak Report should not confuse the public and asked that the rumours be stopped.

The nation's top cop also tweeted a screen capture of Majid's statement and said that it only confirmed what he had said earlier.

Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Rahman Dahlan also took to Twitter about Sarawak Report's allegations, saying: "Clare Brown and charge sheet? Yawnnnnn..... Zzzzz."

He was referring the founder and editor of the site Clare Rewcastle-Brown, who has accused of tampering evidence on her reports of the controversial state investment fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad. – July 30, 2015.

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