

DAP wants Najib to reveal answers to Cameron on corruption

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Malaysia's honour is at stake and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has to reveal his reply to his British counterpart David Cameron, who was reported by the British press as urging the prime minister to clean up his government amid a deepening corruption scandal surrounding 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), the DAP said today.

Quoting the headlines in British newspapers The Telegraph and The Guardian, DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang said this is the first time that a Malaysian prime minister was confronted by a foreign visitor about corruption in the country.

"This is not a shame for Najib alone, but for Malaysia as well. I want Najib to explain his reply to Cameron.

"The honour of the country demands an immediate answer from the PM," he said at a press conference at DAP headquarters today.

Cameron was in town for a day as part of his Southeast Asian tour.

Both The Telegraph and The Guardian reported that in an one-on-one meeting, Cameron had also raised the treatment of jailed former opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and stressed the importance of a free press and fighting against corruption.

Lim questioned the level Malaysia has "degenerated" noting that the country has never been ranked in the top 20s of the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index.

"Why has Malaysia sunk so low that foreign leaders can come and talk about this and this is a great shame and dishonour and for this, he (Najib) has to explain and must not hide," he said.

Cameron's one-day visit yesterday comes amid a litany of problems surrounding Najib and 1MDB, the state investment vehicle laden with debts of RM42 billion.

The latest being an expose by The Wall Street Journal that some US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) ended up in Najib's personal bank accounts, and a Cabinet reshuffle by Najib which saw the sacking of Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, both of whom have been vocal about 1MDB.

The Telegraph reported that the 1MDB scandal overshadowed Cameron's visit which was designed to build trade ties. – July 31, 2015.

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