

**Apologise to Najib, Jho Low, Arul, propaganda unit adviser tells 1MDB critics**  
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Critics of 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) should apologise to the state investment firm's chief executive, the prime minister and businessman Low Taek Jho (better known as Jho Low) for wrongly accusing them of using up money from the state fund, said Special Affairs Department adviser Tun Faisal Ismail Aziz.

Writing on his Facebook account, Tun Faisal said that it was unfair that critics were willing to accept the explanation by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) that RM2.6 billion was deposited into Datuk Seri Najib Razak's accounts, but chose not to believe the part that the money was from donors and not 1MDB.

He said, however, what was important to note was the fact that the money was not from the state fund and that it was not bribe money, stressing that donation was not the same as bribery.

"So their spin has changed. If before they accused Najib, Jho Low and Arul Kanda for the missing 1MDB money, now they are questioning why Najib denied the money in his account, and are pushing him to reveal the donors and misconstruing the donation as a form of bribe.

"They are also asking why the money was deposited into his personal account and not that of the party.

"By right, they should apologise to Najib, Jho Low and Arul for making wrongful accusations, but instead choose to continue to make allegations," he wrote.

Tun Faisal also noted that Najib had never denied receiving the RM2.6 billion in his personal accounts, but had denied that the money was from 1MDB, as alleged by Wall Street Journal and Sarawak Report among others.

"Anyone can make a political donation and the donor can choose whether to donate to the party's account or to help the individual mobilise his political work for his party.

"If the money is deposited into the individual's account, it means the donor wants to help that particular individual.

"It is up to the individual to decide the best way to use it," he wrote.

On the question whether there were such big-hearted donors, Tun Faisal said that just as there were big donors within and outside the country who were donating to the opposition, there were bound to be donors who were generous to Najib.

"Isn't there the possibility that Najib got the donation from billionaires in Islamic countries who did not want the opposition to win and make this country secular and

socialist, given that they were seen to be receiving contributions from sources who are also supporting efforts to bring down Islamic countries and unseat Islamic leaders in those countries," he questioned.

Tun Faisal said that MACC officers were being investigated by police as reports had been lodged, including by him, to investigate members of the special task force who leaked information on the probe.

He said this was done to avoid speculation even before the probe was completed for fear it could jeopardise the economy and the nation's stability.

"Investigations over Najib Razak's accounts by the special task force are yet to be completed.

"As of yesterday, what was clear is that 1MDB money, as alleged by Tun Dr Mahathir and other critics as having gone missing, is not missing nor has it been deposited into Najib or Rosmah's accounts.

"Learn to accept this reality," he wrote, referring to the prime minister and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Yesterday, MACC announced that no funds from 1MDB had been put into Najib's accounts at AmBank, saying the US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) had come from donors instead.

Allegations of RM2.6 billion in Najib's accounts first surfaced in a report by The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on July 2, citing documents from Malaysian investigators.

WSJ said the source of the funds were unknown, but had flown through 1MDB-linked entities in various tranches, the largest of which, US\$681 million, was channelled to Najib's accounts in March 2013, ahead of the general election in May that year. – August 4, 2015.

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