

MACC must investigate Najib over donations, says PKR
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) statement that the RM2.6 billion in Datuk Seri Najib Razak's private bank accounts was from donors only raised questions if the prime minister had breached anti corruption laws, said PKR today.

PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli said under the country's anti-corruption laws, Datuk Seri Najib Razak was a public officer who was not allowed to receive "donations".

He added that Section 3 of the MACC Act described Najib as a public officer who was not allowed to receive gratification in any form.

He said that gratification in the act included gifts and donations.

Rafizi also said that Section 50 of the act meanwhile specified that any public officer who gave or received gratification would be seen as having committed a corrupt act, adding that those guilty of the offense could be jailed for up to 20 years.

He added that no sane Malaysian would accept the explanation that the prime minister received the RM2.6 billion donation from donors to fund Barisan Nasional in the 13th general election for nothing in return.

He urged PKR leaders from all over the country to lodge reports with MACC urging them to commence investigations against the so-called political funding.

"I also call upon Malaysians to do the same so that MACC can investigate the prime minister over the RM2.6 billion in order to express their anger towards these latest political developments," he said.

Rafizi also reminded Najib and Malaysians that the scope of the special task force made up of MACC, Bank Negara Malaysia, police and the Attorney-General was to probe 1MDB as a whole for breach of trust and abuse of power.

"This involves all the allegations brought against 1MDB, including that money from the state investor was transferred into the account of an individual close to Najib, which is Jho Low, as well as 1MDB's failure to meet its financial commitments to pay its debts that has ballooned to RM42 billion," he added.

Rafizi said that the probe of the task force into the RM2.67 billion that went into the prime minister's account was just a small part of the larger investigation into the state investor.

"As such, the statement by MACC did not answer any of the pertinent questions that needed to be investigated by the task force which is responsible to the nation to uncover all issues surrounding 1MDB," he added.

MACC announced yesterday that the RM2.67 billion in Najib's bank accounts were from donors and not from 1MDB.

Claims that Najib received US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) in his personal accounts were first reported by The Wall Street Journal last month, which added that it did not know the source of the money.

Najib has only denied taking 1MDB funds for personal gain but did not address the transfers into his account.

MACC's statement last night also did not state where the donation came from. – August 4, 2015

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