

**'Spin doctors' making a mess in justifying Najib's RM2.6 billion, says DAP**  
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The prime minister's 'spin doctors' in the Cabinet are making further mess in trying to explain the RM2.6 billion in Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal bank accounts, DAP said today.

Without mentioning name, DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang said "one new spin doctor" minister was annoyed over the public outcry despite the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) saying the money was from donors and not from state investor 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

It is believed Lim was referring to new Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak, who ticked off 1MDB critics for never being satisfied.

"The truth is whatever Najib would have said would never satisfy those asking for his explanation," the Sabah politician wrote in his blog yesterday.

Lim said that by asking why people were unhappy with the news that the money was not stolen from 1MDB, the minister had clearly failed to understand public sentiments.

"It is a reflection that all these highly-paid ministerial 'spin doctors' are 'more loyal than smart' to Najib that they do not realise that they have committed another strategic error, and in the process, even destroyed whatever credibility MACC had painstakingly built up as an independent and professional anti-corruption agency, carrying out its duties without fear or favour," Lim said.

Last night, Barisan Nasional strategic communications chief Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan also defended Najib in an interview aired over state broadcaster TV1, saying he did not find it "unusual" that such sum would be needed to fund the party.

He said the opposition must "apologise" for claiming that the RM2.6 billion was channeled into the prime minister's accounts was from 1MDB.

Lim advised Najib to instead listen to the genuine voices on the ground and not the "air-conditioned hubbub of the ministerial spin doctors".

The Gelang Patah MP added that salvaging Najib's credibility over the 1MDB scandal would be a tall order, but added that to make amends, the prime minister should order a halt to the 'madness' of hauling up top government leaders for suspicion of wanting to topple the government.

Lim also urged Najib to declare the origins and whereabouts of the RM2.6 billion.

He said the special task force investigating 1MDB and the RM2.6 billion should be

allowed to carry on with its probe under axed attorney-general Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail.

Lim said there should be an emergency Parliament session before August 31 to appoint the new chairman and members for the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), following the Cabinet reshuffle that took away four members including its chairman, Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed. – August 5, 2015.

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