

Task force probing RM2.6 billion illegal, says Rahman Dahlan
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The task force investigating the US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) deposited into Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal accounts was "illegally constituted", Barisan Nasional (BN) strategic communications director Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan said.

He told The Star in an exclusive interview that the task force, which comprised the attorney-general, Bank Negara, Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the police, was set up to look at banking system policies, and not investigate individuals.

"In the first place, the task force was illegally constituted. They were not supposed to be investigating the PM, or any individual for that matter," Rahman told the daily.

"The original task force was set up to look at the overall policy of the banking system such as money laundering, the illicit flow of funds, the illegal use of money changers to move money in and out of the country, illegal money transactions involving terrorism and drug business and the loopholes in the system."

Rahman said the attorney-general could not be part of the task force investigating the funds as his duty was to prosecute, adding that this created a conflict of interest.

"What should have been done is for MACC to go in and investigate, for the police to go and investigate and the Bank Negara to go and investigate. It is wrong if this is under one task force which the AG is part of."

He said the task force also did not receive the Cabinet's mandate to prove the RM2.67 billion deposited into Najib's accounts.

On August 5, MACC announced that the task force had been disbanded and the three main agencies were ordered to work independently.

This was after members of the task force were hauled up for questioning by Bukit Aman under Section 124 of the Penal Code for activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy. – August 16, 2015.

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