

Was there an attempted coup against Najib, DAP asks
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DAP today asked if there was an attempted coup against prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak which involved charging him for corruption at the end of last month, which was pre-empted by the sudden sacking of Tan Sri Gani Patail as Attorney General (A-G).

Its parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang further asked if there was an unconstitutional grab for power when Gani "illegally and arbitrarily" set up the now disbanded special task force to probe the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and the RM2.6 billion "donation" from an unknown Middle Eastern donor in Najib's personal accounts.

"These are among the questions buzzing in the everybody's mind," he said in a statement today, noting that the events since the last week of July are coming to light, albeit in dribs and drabs.

He was responding to Barisan Nasional strategic communications director, Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan who had said Najib had to "take out people" after an alleged charge sheet against him emerged.

"Given the scenario what would you do? You would take drastic action, wouldn't you? Okay, take these people out first, so that things will get back to normalcy and see what will happen next.

"If you could appreciate that scenario, then you would understand the flurry of action by the prime minister," the Umno Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local government minister told Star Online in responding to a question on the authenticity of the charge sheet.

The charge sheet was published by whistle blower site Sarawak Report after Gani was replaced by Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali, who then disbanded the task force comprising the police, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Bank Negara and the Attorney-General Chambers.

Lim said today he had, from the beginning, stated Apandi's denial of the draft sheet lacked conviction and credibility, and continued to voice his scepticism over Gani's health being the reason for his termination.

The Gelang Patah MP also said Abdul Rahman was only telling one side of the story and that no one can be sure if it is the entire truth.

"Malaysians are in a parliamentary democracy and in the information era, and they are entitled to know what actually transpired in the 'cloak-and-dagger' atmosphere of Putrajaya in the past few weeks," he said, reiterating his call for Najib to go on leave to allow for a full inquiry into the allegation, as well as the 1MDB scandal and the status of the RM2.6 billion funds. – August 16, 2015.

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