

**Najib must explain if he took people out, says DAP**  
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak must clarify if he had indeed "taken people out" after an alleged draft charge sheet against him emerged, as claimed by a member of his Cabinet, DAP said today.

DAP legal head Gobind Singh Deo said that should Najib fail to respond to the claims by Umno minister Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, DAP would then lodge police reports against the prime minister.

"I want the PM to explain who these people are. Do they include the former Attorney-General (A-G) Tan Sri Gani Patail. This is a serious matter. If Gani is one of them, then his removal as A-G becomes questionable.

"So, I think the prime minister must explain. And if he doesn't respond by tomorrow, DAP will lodge police reports against him," Gobind said in a press conference at the DAP headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

In an interview with The Star yesterday, Rahman said that Najib had to "take people out" when an alleged draft charge sheet against him was brought to light.

Rahman, who is also the urban wellbeing, housing and local government minister, reminded the public that the new A-G Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali stated the alleged charge sheet could be a plot to criminalise Najib.

"Given that 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 taken by the PM," Rahman was quoted as saying in the interview.

The prime minister, Gobind said, cannot remain silent over the matter any longer, adding there was no denial by Najib or anyone in the government of Rahman's claim.

"This is a statement made by the BN strategic communications director and I know until now, there is no denial by Najib in regards with this statement," the Puchong MP added.

Amid the probe into the RM2.6 billion deposited into Najib's accounts, two Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) directors were transferred to the Prime Minister's Department, while its forensics divisions head, senior assistant commissioner, special operations deputy director and an officer with the Attorney-General's Chambers were hauled up by the police.

MACC is part of the special task force investigating claims over money transfers that were first highlighted by The Wall Street Journal and whistleblower site Sarawak Report.

The high-level government task force, which has since been disbanded, also included the Attorney-General's Chambers, the Royal Malaysian Police and Bank Negara Malaysia.

Gani was also removed in the midst of the investigations and was replaced by Federal Court judge Tan Sri Apandi Ali late last month.

On July 30, Sarawak Report uploaded what it claimed was a draft charge sheet of a corruption charge against Najib in relation to SRC International Sdn Bhd, a former subsidiary of debt-ridden state investor 1MDB.

SRC International is now owned by the Finance Ministry, which Najib heads.

Apandi said, in a statement on July 31, that the draft charge sheet was false, and that its emergence online was part of a conspiracy against the prime minister.

However, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said that several anti-graft agency officers were being investigated to find out how a copy of the draft could have been leaked and uploaded on Sarawak Report. – August 17, 2015.

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