

Rahman Dahlan denies admitting to existence of Najib charge sheet
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Barisan Nasional (BN) strategic communications director Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan has denied admitting to the existence of a charge sheet against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

In a series of tweets, the Umno minister said what he was referring to, in his interview with The Star two days ago, was conspiracy theories that have surfaced since news of the alleged charge sheet draft was first reported by whistleblower site Sarawak Report on July 30.

"In the interview, I never said the charge sheet existed as alleged by DAP leaders. I said there were two conspiracy theories out there," he tweeted using his Twitter handle @mpkotabelud.

He insisted that his interview with the English daily was easy to understand and he found it hilarious that it was twisted by DAP.

"My interview in The Star Online was clear and unambiguous. It's amusing to see DAP leaders twisting it beyond recognition.

"DAP leaders should reread the article again before making unfounded allegations of which they are well known for," the urban wellbeing, housing and local government minister further tweeted.

In his interview with The Star, Rahman had reminded the public that newly appointed Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali considered the alleged charge sheet to be false and part of 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.

This caused DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang to demand yesterday that the police should arrest Rahman for allegedly claiming there was a plot to "criminalise" the prime minister and boot him out of office.

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 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

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

Apandi, who became the new Attorney-General on July 28, announced 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 18, 2015.

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