

**Rahman Dahlan's interview shows coup attempt against Najib, says
Kit Siang**
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DAP's Lim Kit Siang today insisted that anyone reading Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan's interview in The Star Online would have come to the conclusion that there was an attempted coup against the prime minister.

The DAP parliamentary leader, who has been accused by Umno minister Rahman of twisting his remarks, said the series of events showed that there was such an attempt.

"Abdul Rahman has asked me to reread his Star Online interview and I have done so, and I reiterate anyone reading it will come away with the ineluctable conclusion that there was an attempted coup against the prime minister by criminalising him and toppling him from office," he said at the DAP headquarters today.

Lim was responding to the Barisan Nasional (BN) strategic communications director's tweets yesterday in which he denied admitting to the existence of a charge sheet against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"In the interview, I never said the charge sheet existed as alleged by DAP leaders. I said there were two conspiracy theories out there," Rahman had tweeted using his Twitter handle @mpkotabelud, adding that DAP leaders should reread the article again before making unfounded allegations.

Quipping that he was not interested in a verbal joust with the urban wellbeing, housing and local government minister, Lim nevertheless said people reading Rahman's interview with the English portal three days ago would realise the Umno minister was giving a very graphic account of the atmosphere of distrust and division in the corridors of power.

"Rahman's interview with The Star Online had not just added fodder to the swirling talk of a coup against Najib... but given credibility and legitimacy to the rumours from the inner sanctum of Najib's camp," added the Gelang Patah MP.

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.

This led Lim to demand two days ago 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, said on July 31 the draft charge sheet was false, and that its emergence online was part of a conspiracy against the prime minister. – August 19, 2015.

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