

MACC yet to clear Najib of corruption, says DAP
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has not exonerated Datuk Seri Najib Razak over the US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) in the prime minister's personal accounts, said DAP.

Its national publicity secretary Tony Pua said while the anti-graft commission had announced on August 3 that the money is a donation, it had never stated contribution from donors does not involve corruption or gratification as defined under the MACC Act.

He said although MACC had stated that the funds did not come from 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), it did not clarify if it came from parties involved with the multi-billion ringgit transactions with 1MDB.

Yesterday, Najib said MACC had cleared him of corruption over the money in his accounts.

MACC, which announced earlier this month that the money is a donation from the Middle East, had also said it would call Najib to give an explanation on the matter.

Pua (pic, left) questioned why Najib "twist the statement by the MACC to claim that he has been cleared of corruption and wrongdoings".

"If the MACC has indeed closed the case and cleared the Prime Minister, why would the MACC issue another statement two days later to clarify that 'MACC would also ask Najib to give an explanation to the MACC about the donation he received'?"

"Hence it cannot be clearer that the MACC has never cleared the prime minister for receiving such dubious and suspicious 'donation' from the Middle East," he said in a statement.

The Petaling Jaya Utara lawmaker said if MACC had indeed cleared Najib, there would not be any need for all the drastic actions to "intimidate, jeopardise and stall" the activities of the commission.

He was referring to the raids and arrest of MACC officers as part of the police's probe into leaked documents linked to 1MDB at the centre of investigation over alleged financial irregularities.

Two senior MACC officers were also abruptly transferred to the Prime Minister's Department, allegedly due to their vocal criticism of the police actions.

Moreover, the special taskforce setup to investigate 1MDB has been disbanded.

"All the above actions by the prime minister points not towards a man who is 'cleared' and innocent, but to one who is using and abusing all his powers to suppress and

obstruct any further investigations into the dodgy RM2.6 billion mysterious donation," Pua said in a statement.

He accused Najib of acting like a man who feared the truth being exposed and chose to "lie and twist facts" in his attempts to sweep the "damning evidence" under the carpet.

"If the prime minister really believes he is innocent, he must immediately reinstate the Special Taskforce and grant them complete independence to finish their investigations without fear or favour.

"Otherwise, Malaysians cannot be blamed for expressing their own judgement on the matter." he added. – August 9, 2015.

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