

Nurul Izzah next to be questioned by cops over links with Justo
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PKR lawmaker Nurul Izzah Anwar is the latest to be investigated for activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy, after reports in several Umno-controlled dailies alleged that she had offered to buy stolen data on transactions between 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) and PetroSaudi International.

Her lawyer, Latheefa Koya (pic, left) told The Malaysian Insider that police had come looking for the Lembah Pantai MP at her office to question her but was told she was away.

"She (Nurul Izzah) is being investigated under Section 124B of the Penal Code but is yet to be questioned," she told The Malaysian Insider.

"The police were looking for her yesterday (Tuesday) but she is not around. She will be back on Monday."

Nurul Izzah is currently in the United States to meet with State Department officials, politicians, civil society leaders and international lawyers, in an attempt to pile international pressure on Putrajaya to get urgent medical attention for her father, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who needs surgery for a shoulder injury.

She is also there to brief American officials on the alleged scandals involving Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, including the RM2.6 billion donation channelled into his personal accounts and the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) issue.

The latest investigation against her is believed to be over reports in the New Straits Times (NST) and Berita Harian, which reported that Nurul Izzah had offered US\$2 million to former Petrosaudi employee Xavier Andre Justo in future contracts, in exchange for the information he had stolen from his employer.

NST and Berita Harian said Justo had wanted US\$2 million in cash for the data, and that according to his confession, Nurul Izzah had instead offered to pay him in the form of contracts when the opposition took over federal power.

The PKR vice-president, who recently with other party members filed a suit against Najib for allegedly overspending in the 2013 general election, has denied the allegation, saying that she had never met Justo and has initiated legal proceedings against both dailies.

Justo is currently serving a three-year sentence in Thailand for blackmailing his former employer with information on 1MDB.

Police are also investigating DAP lawmaker Tony Pua (left) and The Edge Media Group's owner Tong Kooi Ong and publisher Ho Kay Tat, following reports in the NST

and Berita Harian which carried Justo's alleged written confession.

Pua, who is Petaling Jaya MP, is being probed under Section 120 for attempts to topple the government while Tong and Ho are being investigated for activities detrimental to parliamentary democracy after being implicated for having had communications with Justo.

NST reported that Pua, who has been questioned by police twice now, had allegedly introduced Sarawak Report founder and editor Clare Rewcastle-Brown to The Edge Media Group bosses.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar had said previously that police could only commence investigations into these individuals after they have interviewed Justo.

Justo (pic, right) was previously reported as saying that he had met with Malaysian opposition leaders and media owners in Singapore before he was arrested in Thailand on June 22.

The Swiss national admitted to meeting these individuals in Singapore to negotiate the sale of documents he had acquired from PetroSaudi. – September 17, 2015.

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