

Najib must answer allegations 'one shot', deputy home minister tells paper
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak must provide answers to the allegations surrounding him, including the US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) donation all at once, rather than in "drips and pieces", said Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed.

The deputy home minister told The Star in a lengthy interview published on its website that by revealing information little by little, the issues continued to attract more attention and raised further questions.

"I don't know if PM realises it or not. But he has got to answer everything one shot instead of responding in drips of information," said Nur Jazlan.

He gave as an example the RM2.6 billion deposited into Najib's accounts, and how Najib had merely denied using public funds for personal gain after The Wall Street Journal reported the matter in early July.

Later, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) revealed that the funds were a "political donation" from a Middle Eastern source.

"It is money that goes into the personal account, then it becomes a donation, then it comes from Saudi Arabia and then who from Saudi Arabia? It just leads to more questions," Nur Jazlan told The Star.

He said the perception that Malaysia was facing a corruption crisis would not exist if "all these issues can be pinned down and answered one shot".

But the answers given so far had probably been unsatisfactory, and was exacerbated by the fact that it involved alleged impropriety, said Nur Jazlan.

He added that if the issues remain unresolved, Barisan Nasional MPs like himself would suffer in the next general election.

"The majority in my seat is very small and I represent an urban area so I can actually lose my seat. Not because of my own performance but because this issue is hanging over and will permeate.

"At first it is confined to the urban people, then it will go down to the rural people especially in Peninsular and then Sabah and Sarawak. We don't know."

He said that if the Malays continued to remain split and if they voted in anger, the next election may see "a different scenario". – September 6, 2015.

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