

I never met Justo, says Nurul Izzah denying making any offer for 1MDB data
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PKR lawmaker Nurul Izzah Anwar has denied offering former PetroSaudi International employee Xavier Andre Justo US\$2 million in future contracts in exchange for information on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), saying she had never even met the Swiss national.

The PKR vice-president, who recently with other party members filed a suit against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for allegedly overspending in the 2013 general election, slammed the front page report of newspapers New Straits Times and Berita Harian today, which claimed that she had made such an offer.

"For the record, I categorically deny that I have ever offered US\$2 million to Justo in future government contracts when the opposition came into power. I have never met him before," Nurul Izzah said in a statement today.

She also said the claim by the government-controlled dailies was an attempt to shift the public's attention away from the real issues involving alleged wrongdoing by 1MDB and Najib, who had RM2.6 billion transferred to his personal accounts, a large portion of which was moved ahead of the last general election in 2013.

"The real question is not about Xavier Justo's so called stolen documents. It is about what those documents, together with reports by The Wall Street Journal, Sarawak Report and The Edge say about the grand corruption, money laundering, embezzlement and electoral bribery allegations surrounding 1MDB," she said in the statement.

The Lembah Pantai MP called the NST and Berita Harian reports a "complete lie in a sensationalised manner", and added that she had instructed lawyers to commence legal proceedings against both dailies.

Both newspapers today published an article claiming that the daughter of the former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had been keen on buying data on 1MDB, which Justo stole from PetroSaudi.

He is now serving a three-year jail sentence in Thailand for blackmail.

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.

Rejecting this claim, Nurul Izzah today posed three questions that had yet to be answered about 1MDB, which is owned by the Finance Ministry and is RM42 billion in debt. Najib who is also the Finance Minister, is chairman of the firm's advisory board.

"One, what 1MDB had to show after borrowing RM42 billion using sovereign guarantees of the Malaysian government.

"Two, how did more than US\$1 billion from 1MDB's joint venture with PetroSaudi end up in accounts belonging to companies controlled by businessman Low Taek Jho?

"Three, was the RM2.6 billion in Najib's accounts really from a donor or was it 1MDB money returning full circle?" Nurul Izzah asked.

She said Najib's bank statements and the 1MDB money trail can clearly answer these questions, and said that was why she and other PKR and opposition leaders had filed an application for the discovery of documents in the suit against Najib.

"We want the disclosure of Datuk Seri Najib's bank accounts, especially when it has all the elements of grand corruption," she said, adding that information was sought from AmIslamic Bank Berhad, Affin Islamic Bank Berhad and Goldman Sachs (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. – September 8, 2015

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