

Tony Pua denies conspiring to topple Najib
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DAP lawmaker Tony Pua has denied that he is part of a conspiracy to topple Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, as insinuated by Umno-owned newspapers The New Straits Times and Berita Harian.

Pua said his interest in 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) lay solely in uncovering whether the state investment arm had been used to embezzle billions of ringgit. Najib is 1MDB's advisory chairman.

"As I have stated many times previously, I am involved in no such 'conspiracy' with any party.

"I was, however, very eager to discover the truth behind the RM42 billion 1MDB scandal which has rocked the nation, where the documents proving the embezzlement of billions of ringgit have not been disputed by both 1MDB and the prime minister," said Pua in a statement.

He reiterated that he did not know of anyone named "Justo Xavier Andre" until the former PetroSaudi International director's arrest in Bangkok made headlines.

Pua said he only received leaked 1MDB documents from Sarawak Report's websites.

He added that there was nothing sinister in him contacting Sarawak Report editor Clare Rewcastle-Brown, as it was his duty as a lawmaker to establish the veracity of her articles.

"Over the last few years, I have shared many contacts with Clare and discussed various subjects relating to politics in Malaysia.

"Among the contacts shared included Datuk Tong Kooi Ong of The Edge Media Publications.

"However, if the sharing of contact information with journalists and media groups meant taking part in a 'conspiracy', I must have conspired with every media organisation in Malaysia which had requested contacts from me." – September 8, 2015.

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