

Najib should 'refund' Treasury with RM2.6 billion, says Kit Siang
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak should settle the RM2.6 billion controversy by "refunding" the Treasury with the money, said Lim Kit Siang.

The DAP parliamentary leader today said he would have proposed this during the debate on Budget 2016 in the Dewan Rakyat, if he had not been dealt a six-month suspension last week.

"But before I made such a proposal, I would have asked Najib to 'come clean' about the RM2.6 billion scandal, at least in five instances," said Lim in a statement.

Among them are whether more had been donated to Najib's accounts and how much; and whether Najib would submit all bank records of the deposits and payments to the Public Accounts Committee and the attorney-general (A-G) for investigations.

Lim reminded the public that the RM2.6 billion donation, which was said to have been used to fund Barisan Nasional's 2013 general election campaign, surpassed the maximum legal expenditure for all parliamentary and state assembly candidates.

"The maximum expenditure which is legally permissible for a parliamentary candidate is RM200,000 while the maximum legal expenditure for a State Assembly candidate is RM100,000," he said.

He added that Dewan Rakyat Standing Order 35(6) said: "a member shall not speak on any matter in which he has a direct personal pecuniary interest (other than the matter of remuneration under any provision of the Constitution) without disclosing the extent of that interest."

He urged all lawmakers to admit whether they had received funds from the RM2.6 billion, including Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, who had moved the motion in Parliament last week to suspend him for six months for refusing to apologise or retract remarks deemed insulting to speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin.

Lim said Pandikar was "sabotaging" the probe into 1Malaysia Development Berhad by the Public Accounts Committee. – October 27, 2015.

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