

Najib avoiding debate on RM2.6 billion by pushing answers to last day, says DAP

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Datuk Seri Najib Razak is avoiding any debate or being grilled on the controversial RM2.6 billion political donation deposited into his personal accounts by pushing answers on the matter to the final day of the Dewan Rakyat sitting, DAP said today.

DAP's parliamentary whip Anthony Loke Siew Fook said the move was a "plot" to avoid giving comprehensive answers on the donation.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said was reported today as saying that answers on a host of questions regarding the amount would be delivered on December 3, the final day of this sitting.

"December 3 is the final day. They will answer, take a couple of supplementary questions, and then there will be no space for debate or grilling," Loke told reporters at the Parliament lobby today.

Loke said a host of questions had been submitted on the RM2.6 billion, none of which had been answered.

"There were questions submitted before and there are questions that will arise in the coming days as well," he said.

"But in the final day of the sitting, there is only one question on the RM2.6 billion that will come up during question time."

Azalina previously said all the questions would be answered on a specific day in this sitting.

Some of the RM2.6 billion was channelled into Najib's personal accounts through companies linked to state-owned investment firm 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

The largest portion, US\$681 million, came from a British Virgin Islands company, Tanore Finance, and was deposited into the prime minister's accounts just before the general election in May 2014.

Opposition party PKR has since filed a suit against Najib for breaching election laws.

The prime minister however has denied taking funds from 1MDB but has not accounted for the money.

The anti-graft commission later announced that the funds had come from a Middle Eastern donor, which it did not name. – November 5, 2015.

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