

## **PM: YaPEIM Can Take Action Against Those Making Unfounded Allegations**

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ANTALYA, Nov 16 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Malaysian Islamic Economic Development Foundation (YaPEIM) can take any action such as criminal defamation against anyone making unfounded allegations against it.

He said this when replying to a reporter's question at a press conference here on the allegation that funds from YaPEIM, which should be utilised for charity work, had been misused to pay for trips by the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom and his delegation to travel abroad.

On the action by Jamil Khir to lodge a police report on the allegation, Najib said: "If he is innocent, he can take any action whether (to sue for)criminal defamation or civil defamation."

Asked whether the matter was an effort to taint the government's image, he said such things always occurred.

Meanwhile, Jamil Khir had earlier made a police report at the Putrajaya District Police Headquarters on the allegation that he had misused public donations to pay for his trips abroad.

Jamil Khir said the allegation, made by the director of NOW (National Oversight and Whistleblowers) Akmal Nasir, that the programme in the United States was for enjoyment using funds meant for the orphanage, was a mischievous slander and an attempt to bring down his credibility and integrity as a minister.

The minister explained that his visit to the United States from May 21 to 29, 2014 was to fulfill the invitation to attend a programme, organised by an agency under his supervision, especially YaPEIM, in collaboration with the Malaysian Embassy in the US including the Education Malaysia (EM) programme in Chicago in conjunction with the Mid West Game, which gathered more than 1,000 students from the US and Canada.

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