

**RM2.6 Billion Donation not from Public Fund, 1MDB – Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak has stressed that the donation of RM2.6 billion deposited into his account is neither from a public fund nor the government's strategic investment company, 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

He said the matter had already been verified by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), which had also found the donors.

"I have not committed any offence or malpractice, this has been explained at the Parliament by the deputy prime minister (Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi).

"The donors have been verified and found by the MACC and the commission have also obtained their statements," he said in an interview with TV3 Monday night.

The interview was conducted by Media Prima Bhd Group Managing Editor of News and Current Affairs Datuk Seri Mohd Ashraf Abdullah, The New Straits Times Press (Malaysia) Bhd Group Managing Editor Datuk Abdul Jalil Hamid and Utusan Group Editor-in-Chief Datuk Abdul Aziz Ishak.

Video clips of the interview are available at www.newsplus.my/live-tv.

Asked why the fund were deposited into his account, the prime minister explained that it was the donor's wish and the donation was made in personal capacity.

He said that the Bank Negara was notified when the account was created.

"So, there is no intention at all to cheat or to commit an offence because the Bank Negara had been notified about the existence of this account.

"But, do not be confused, the account is in my name, but it is not like a personal account. And I am sure that once the investigation is completed, the truth will prevail," he said.

The MACC today confirmed sending its officials to the Middle East to meet with the RM2.6 billion donor.

Its investigation director Datuk Azam Baki said they would submit a report to the

Attorney-General as soon as the investigation was completed.

MACC, however, did not disclose the results of the meeting as the investigation was still ongoing.

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