

**Probe into officer who criticised Najib, says Ahmad Maslan**  
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An investigation will be carried out over allegations that a senior officer in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) made derogatory remarks about Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at a dinner recently, said Datuk Ahmad Maslan.

The deputy minister told the Dewan Rakyat today that the issue was brought to the attention of the minister, who said he would check the allegation.

Tiong King Sing (BN-Bintulu), in debating Budget 2016 earlier, said the official had criticised the prime minister in the presence of foreign dignitaries and local corporate captains.

This was posted in Facebook by someone who was present when the official reportedly made the remark.

Ahmad Maslan, in wrapping up the budget debate at committee stage for the ministry, said the matter had been communicated to the minister.

At this juncture, Tiong stood up to tell the deputy minister that the complaint against the ministry's senior official was serious and should be speedily dealt with. – November 23, 2015.

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