

## **Dr Mahathir's claims show his contempt for investigations, says 1MDB Malaysian Insider Dec 3, 2015**

Under fire 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) today accused Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad of making allegations against it without regard for the rule of law and due process, just hours after the former prime minister asked the state-owned fund to provide proof that the money that went into Datuk Seri Najib Razak's accounts were not from it.

In a statement this evening, 1MDB said Dr Mahathir has shown contempt and disdain for the various agencies investigating the company for misappropriations, as he continued to make these "unproven allegations".

"If Tun Mahathir is interested in the truth, he would allow these agencies to complete their investigations and await their findings.

"However, rather than doing this, Tun Mahathir continues to freely make unproven allegations without any investigation, without any reference to facts, and without any regard to the rule of law and due process.

"Through his statements, Tun Mahathir clearly shows his contempt and disdain of the various agencies that are investigating 1MDB," it said.

Dr Mahathir, in a blog posting, said the people needed proof that the RM2.6 billion deposited into Najib's personal accounts was indeed a donation from the Middle East and not from 1MDB as reported.

"People making reports are being arrested. Their lawyers can be arrested. People living under threats are not reliable when making statements," he said, referring to the arrests of former Batu Kawan Umno leader Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan and his lawyer Matthias Chang.

"So we cannot accept the statement by the MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) personnel just like that. We want proof. We want to know how the RM2.6 billion in the prime minister's account is not from 1MDB. Your explanations are without proof."

1MDB said Dr Mahathir continued to repeat "old, unproven and unsubstantiated" allegations based on mere assumptions and not evidence.

"This is despite detailed and factual clarifications being issued by 1MDB, and that Dr Mahathir has repeatedly been proven wrong in his claim that 'RM42 billion hilang' (RM42 billion missing) from 1MDB.

"After 22 years in power, in his mind, only Dr Mahathir can be right. This is despite him being proven wrong on 'RM42 billion hilang' allegation and meekly confessing to not having evidence, when asked whether he would lodge a police report against

1MDB," the company said.

Hitting out at the former prime minister, 1MDB said unlike Dr Mahathir who relied on assumptions, it preferred to deal with "facts", adding that the company's accounts were audited by reputable, international firms.

"It is a well-known fact that the auditor-general has been tasked by the Cabinet on 4 March 2015 to review the past accounts of 1MDB. An interim report was presented to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on July 9, 2015, and a final report will be presented to PAC – which comprises both government and opposition MPs – on December 17, 2015.

"1MDB is and continues to be the most investigated company in the history of Malaysia. We have cooperated fully with the lawful authorities, which include MACC, PDRM (police), BNM (Bank Negara), the National Audit Department and PAC.

"Documentary proof and evidence has been submitted to these lawful authorities. Each of these lawful authorities has independently conducted investigations and publicly issued statements relating to 1MDB," it said.

On August 3, MACC said the US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion, based on conversion rate at the time) which was deposited into Najib's personal bank accounts came from donors.

It also said that the money in Najib's accounts was not from the strategic investment firm, adding the results of the investigations were referred to the attorney-general. – December 3 2015.

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