

A-G played judge and prosecutor in Najib probe, says Dr Mahathir
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today accused Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali of playing the roles of judge and prosecutor when the attorney-general cleared the prime minister of wrongdoing after huge sums of money was found in his personal bank accounts.

"That decision is in fact a judgment. The A-G is both judge and prosecutor," the former prime minister said in his latest blog posting today.

"That in itself is an injustice."

Dr Mahathir said he was not shocked when the A-G decided that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had not committed any criminal wrongdoing over the RM2.6 billion found in the latter's private account or the additional amount of RM42 million also deposited into the same account.

"I had already said that it would be his decision," he said.

He added, however, that merely having that amount of money in a prime minister's account is already wrong, even though it may not be criminal.

But now the A-G declared that the money was a gift from the Saudis, but who is the Arab, Dr Mahathir questioned.

"It seems there was a letter by a Saudi stating that a sum of US\$681 million or RM2.08 billion was a donation for the PM's contribution to the fight against Islamic terrorists.

"Who is this Arab? How does he have the huge sum of money to give away? What is his business? What is his bank? How was the money transferred? What documents prove these? Just a letter from a deceased person or some non-entity is enough for the A-G?"

Dr Mahathir also questioned how the balance of US\$620 million or RM2.03 billion was returned to the Saudis.

"How and when was this done? We are told the balance is frozen by Singapore. Can Singapore explain the unfreezing and the delivery back to the Saudis? Or does Singapore also believe in the free gift story, the letter and the Saudi admission?"

"Singapore is a financial centre. Can it be so gullible?"

In press conference yesterday, Apandi cleared Najib of any criminal wrongdoing, into the RM2.6 billion channelled into the prime minister's bank accounts and into the Finance Ministry-owned firm SRC International Sdn Bhd.

The A-G said that after six months of investigations by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), he found there was "insufficient evidence" to implicate the prime minister.

"Based on facts and evidence, no criminal offences have been committed by the PM in relation to three investigation papers.

The three papers are one on the RM2.6 billion donation and two on SRC International which had taken a RM4 billion loan from the Retirement Fund Inc or KWAP.

Apandi also cleared Najib of any wrongdoing in relation to SRC International. – January 27, 2016

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