

Tun Mahathir should be held Responsible for Damage on Malaysia's Reputation
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should be held responsible for the damage he had inflicted on Malaysia's reputation, said the Prime Minister's Press Secretary Datuk Seri Tengku Sariffuddin Tengku Ahmad.

"The Western media who allowed themselves to be used to propagate false politically-motivated allegations should apologise to the Malaysian people," he said in a statement here today.

The statement by Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir that the donation to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak indeed came from Saudi Arabia, proved that the wild allegations pushed for one year by Dr Mahathir and his Anti-Najib Campaign were completely false.

Tengku Sariffuddin said it also confirmed what the Prime Minister had maintained all along, and what multiple lawful authorities concluded after exhaustive investigations that the funds were a donation from Saudi Arabia.

"Tun Mahathir's lies were motivated by personal interest, not care for Malaysia or the people. It was an attempt to use deception to unseat a democratically-elected government, just to save the political career of Tun Mahathir's son, Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

The Saudi Foreign Minister admitted yesterday that the donation to Najib indeed came from Saudi Arabia.

He said: "We are aware of the donation and it is a genuine donation with nothing expected in return. We are also fully aware that the Attorney-General of Malaysia has thoroughly investigated the matter and found no wrongdoing. So, as far as we are concerned, the matter is closed."

Adel said this to Malaysian reporters after a bilateral meeting with Najib on the sidelines of the 13th Summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in Istanbul.

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