

MACC obviously had enough evidence to charge PM, says Muhyiddin
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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Operations Review Panel would not have told the anti-graft agency to resubmit its investigations into the RM2.6 billion and SRC International to the Attorney-General if they did not have strong evidence to charge the prime minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He expressed hope that Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali would act in a fair and trustworthy manner in carrying out his responsibilities.

Muhyiddin said he had been briefed on Najib's wrongdoing by the former A-G when he was in the government, including that money had gone into the prime minister's account.

"I was shown the money going into Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal account, and that is no longer a secret, as this was shown by the A-G recently," Muhyiddin said, indicating a report in The Malaysian Insider on Apandi saying there was no case against Najib, while holding up two sheets of paper showing the money trail.

He added that there was clear evidence of Najib's involvement in the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and SRC International scandals, but said it could not be revealed in the open as no case has gone to court.

"I leave it to the A-G to address this problem, although we know that he has said there is no case and ordered the case to be closed," he said.

He said that while it was the prerogative of the A-G whether to charge a person or not, in such an important case, the A-G should not have taken the easy route by saying there was no charge against the prime minister.

"Especially when the MACC has done such a thorough investigation, and it's not me saying this, the report by the PPO (Operations Review Panel) says there is clear evidence, so how can a responsible A-G say there is no case?"

"The public here are the judge.

"Who agrees with the decision of the A-G, raise your hands. So that means all of you disagree," he said when no one raised their hands.

He said when a body like MACC says there is a case and requests that the case be reopened, it should be allowed.

"Especially in the RM2.6 billion case, the SPRM is asking permission from the A-G to allow them to go overseas under the Mutual Legal Assistance to get assistance from abroad to complete their investigation and then to be submitted to the A-G.

"But even that is not allowed. To me, that's premature.

"This is my personal opinion, although the A-G will say it is his right.

"But the people are saying no, give the MACC full authority to complete its investigation," Muhyiddin said, adding that the A-G can make a decision after that. – March 3, 2016.

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