

**RM2.6 billion for Najib personally, not under OSA, says Dr Mahathir
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has once again drawn attention to the RM2.6 billion donations received by Datuk Seri Najib Razak and questioned whether the funds were related to the prime minister's duties.

Writing in his blog chedet.cc, the former prime minister said there were procedures and rules for receiving and handling funds for administration, which Najib had not abided by.

"Is it in his terms of reference to acquire secret funds and keep it in his personal accounts? No prime minister of Malaysia has ever done this.

"In fact, he admits that the money is a gift to him personally, not to the government.

"He did not inform the government authorities about the money. It is in fact a secret from the government. He seems not to have paid taxes on this money," he said in his latest posting.

Dr Mahathir said it clearly showed that the possession and management of the RM2.6 billion was not part of the prime minister's duties and therefore did not qualify as a government secret that could be protected by the Official Secrets Act 1972.

As such, he said Bank Negara Malaysia and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) probe should had been carried out against Najib in his personal capacity, while holding office in the government.

"Such wrongdoings must be investigated and reported by the relevant authorities so that appropriate actions can be taken according to the laws of the country.

"The police and other enforcement authorities must act and investigate the reports. Not doing so would be a dereliction of duty. Covering up would be a crime."

Dr Mahathir also took aim at Attorney-General (A-G) Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali for deciding not to pursue a case against Najib on the personal donation and the Finance Ministry-owned SRC International Sdn Bhd.

Apandi had in January announced there was insufficient evidence to implicate the prime minister after six months of investigations by MACC.

Dr Mahathir said while the A-G had a right to decide which case to pursue in court, it had to be considered along with elements in the case and public concern on the issue.

"Judgement by the A-G simply by reading the reports is a denial of justice, is frivolous and unjust, especially when the reports are made by credible and established institutions.

"When the A-G prefers a charge on anyone, the law must fit the crime. When the charge does not fit the alleged crime, so much so that the presiding judge dismissed the case, the A-G loses his credibility and along with it goes the judicial system."

He added that the Official Secrets Act 1972 was not meant to protect civil servants from the law and criminal acts should be investigated by the authorities and put before a court.

"Instead, the person reporting on the alleged wrongdoings by Najib, was arrested together with his lawyer, detained and charged in court," he said, referring to former Umno leader Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan and lawyer Matthias Chang who were charged with sabotaging the Malaysian economy and released on bail by the High Court in November last year.

The court ruled procedures under Security Offences (Special Measures) 2012 could not be applied on them.

The prosecution is expected to appeal against this court decision, which Dr Mahathir said would diminish the institution of the A-G's Chambers further in the eyes of the public further, should Apandi succeed.

"If the A-G wishes to regain his credibility, he should clarify whether he considers crimes perpetrated by officers of government to be considered as government secrets, which must be hidden and protected by the Official Secrets Act or not." – March 7, 2016.

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