

**Government Wants Those Named in US DOJ Civil Lawsuits to clear Their Names – PM Najib  
Bernama  
July 25, 2016**

PUTRAJAYA, July 25 (Bernama) -- The government wants those named in the United States Department of Justice civil lawsuits to clear their names to show that there was no misuse of public funds as reported, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the government took a serious view of the DOJ report and was prepared to extend full cooperation to all quarters in the investigation.

"Let's not get carried away with the matter. Leave it to the judicial process for we believe that sooner or later the truth will prevail," he said at the presentation of offer letters for the performance of the Haj at the Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Mosque here today.

A total of 1,100 people comprising imams, village chiefs and chairmen of village development and security committees, received the letters from the 1Malaysia Development Berhad Foundation.

The DOJ had recently filed civil lawsuits to seize assets acquired with money allegedly misappropriated from 1MDB, the government investment fund. Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, pointed out that 1MDB was often the target of censure despite having spent hundreds of millions of ringgit on social and community programmes.

Citing the Haj sponsored programme as an example, the Prime Minister said despite whatever was implemented it would be ensured that the principle of accountability to safeguard the people's property was not overlooked at all.

Efforts would continue to consolidate 1MDB, he said, adding that he was confident and believed that 1MDB would gain strength in the near future.

On the Haj sponsored programme, Najib said 4,611 people had been sent to perform the Haj since 2011 under the programme which he said was the manifestation of the government's appreciation for the imams, village chiefs and chairmen of village development and security committees in upholding the teachings of Islam at the level of the grassroots.

The Prime Minister said RM10.4 million had been allocated by the 1MDB foundation for the

programme during this period.

Najib said the government under his leadership was committed to implementing its responsibility in upholding Islam guided by the Syariah principles.

He advised the pilgrims to make use of the opportunity to pray for themselves as well as for the well-being of the nation.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2016 BERNAMA

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v8/newsindex.php?id=1266184>