

Kit Siang hits out at Apandi for dismissing new DoJ action
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The DAP leader says the attorney-general must be a 'speed reader' for claiming there was lack of evidence hours after the suit was filed.

PETALING JAYA: DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang has taken Attorney-General Mohamed Apandi Ali to task for dismissing a new suit by the US Department of Justice (DoJ) in seeking to seize assets allegedly linked to 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

The Gelang Patah MP said Apandi must be a “speed reader” for having brushed aside the legal action soon after the suit was filed in the US yesterday.

He said Apandi was even faster than Idris Jala, the former minister in the Prime Minister’s Department who completed his inquiry into the Felda Global Ventures Holding Bhd (FGV) crisis in less than a week.

In a statement today he asked if Apandi had read ten “killer paragraphs” in the DoJ’s 251-page legal document for its suit.

“For Apandi’s information, they are not insinuations but (an) open and direct charge by the United States government,” the DAP parliamentary leader said.

“Apandi read the United States DoJ’s latest 1MDB kleptocratic suit to seize 1MDB-linked assets in the United States, United Kingdom and Switzerland in a matter of hours as to be able to declare that there was nothing new and to express his regret about ‘insinuations’ against the prime minister in the DOJ’s latest 1MDB forfeiture suit,” he said.

Apandi had said yesterday that neither Malaysian nor international authorities investigating 1MDB had furnished any evidence of misappropriated funds.

“1MDB... has been the subject of multiple investigations within Malaysia, including by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), auditor general and bi-partisan Public Accounts Committee (PAC). After review, we found that no crime was committed,” he said, adding that police investigation in Malaysia was ongoing.

He added that investigations carried out by the DoJ had also failed to provide any evidence that money was misappropriated.

He was commenting on recent reports that the DoJ is seeking to recover US\$540 million (RM2.3 billion) in assets including art works, jewellery and film rights that it says were

purchased with funds misappropriated from 1MDB. This brings the total sought by the DoJ to US\$1.8 billion.

The DoJ had filed a suit in July last year seeking assets including properties in Hollywood and New York, various art works and rights and royalties for the 2013 film “The Wolf of Wall Street”.

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