

## **PKR: Recall our ambassador if DoJ action politically motivated**

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**Fahmi Fadzil says the cabinet should discuss Attorney-General Apandi Ali's statement that the DoJ's suits in relation to 1MDB are politically motivated and take appropriate action.**

PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Najib Razak has been urged to initiate diplomatic action, including having the US ambassador summoned to Putrajaya, if the US Department of Justice's (DoJ) civil suits to seize assets allegedly linked to 1MDB funds were politically motivated.

PKR communications director Fahmi Fadzil said the government should take the assertion made by Attorney-General Mohamed Apandi Ali seriously, and not compromise any action against the US if it was interfering in Malaysia's affairs.

"Because of this, Najib and the federal ministers should discuss the attorney-general's statement in the cabinet meeting tomorrow, and immediately announce the stern diplomatic action to be taken against the US for the sake of upholding the dignity and sovereignty of the nation," he said in a statement today.

Fahmi said the US ambassador (Kamala Shirin Lakhdir) should be summoned to clarify the DoJ's actions while the Malaysian ambassador to Washington, Zulhasnan Rafique, should be recalled.

He also called on Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin to direct his members to hold a demonstration in front of the US embassy in Kuala Lumpur to protest alleged interference in Malaysia's internal matters.

In criticising the legal actions as being politically motivated, Apandi had today said the DoJ had never made any formal application to his office to obtain further information on the claims that 1MDB funds had been used to purchase assets in the US that the DoJ wanted to seize.

"If they request (any information pertaining to 1MDB), we are obliged to assist. So, I concluded that their action is political in nature," he said.

"It is believed that the DoJ action is based on information provided by a handful of Malaysians," Apandi added.

Fahmi said Apandi must have come to the conclusion based on detailed information his office had on 1MDB, including the police report and the auditor-general's report on the sovereign wealth fund which has not been made public.

"The attorney-general should therefore immediately publish the auditor-general's report so that people at large can understand the 1MDB issue and the suit by the DoJ, and not harbour any doubt about the attorney-general's statement," he said.

The DoJ's court filing on June 15 sought to seize assets worth US\$540 million (RM2.3 billion), including art works, a yacht, jewellery and film rights purchased with funds allegedly purchased with funds embezzled from 1MDB.

Its first suit was filed in July last year when Washington sought to confiscate more than US\$1 billion (RM4.28 billion) in connection with the sovereign wealth fund.

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