

I'm clearing PM's name, says Zaid
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Former minister Zaid Ibrahim says he only wants to help Prime Minister Najib Razak by proving that allegations made by Sarawak Report against the PM are false.

PETALING JAYA: There should be nothing "gravely prejudicial" in Prime Minister Najib Razak's bank statements if there is nothing to hide, Zaid Ibrahim said today.

This is the outlook the former minister presented in his latest blogpost today on the reasons given by Najib's lawyers in wanting to intervene in his case against AmBank Islamic Berhad (AmBank).

"The Prime Minister's Office should be sensible enough to know that what I am doing is actually going to clear the PM's name. Getting his bank statements out in the open will clearly show the truth of the allegations that have been made against him.

"When we have sight of the accounts, the whole matter can be resolved quickly, after which we can move on to talking about an alcohol ban, TN50 or whatever else is important for the country," Zaid said, referring to other issues making headlines as of late.

"How can such a disclosure be deemed prejudicial?"

He was referring to a press statement released by Najib's lawyers yesterday that they need to intervene in Zaid's case against AmBank on the grounds that "getting his bank statements would be gravely prejudicial to the PM".

"It will be gravely prejudicial to the prime minister only if it proves allegations made by Sarawak Report are true," Zaid said.

He said he decided to take this course of action, for the bank to reveal the statements from Najib's accounts, so there would be no "cover-up of any illegal or dishonest acts by our leaders".

"Does anyone in the country know the meaning of 'cover-up'? It means a planned effort to hide a dishonest, immoral or illegal act or situation.

"It is also an action to prevent people from knowing the truth about something," Zaid said, adding that he had previously sought a declaration for a judicial review of the attorney-general's decision not to take any action against the PM because he did not want the courts to be used as an instrument for a cover-up.

“I may not succeed in the end, but as good Muslims, I think we should not just be interested in halal food but halal conduct as well.”

Zaid also voiced his displeasure at the events of the past week, with Subang MP R Sivarasa, whom he called a friend, being reprimanded for talking to his constituents in a mosque.

“It’s okay (to speak in a mosque) if you are a Barisan Nasional minister. Federal Territories Minister Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor was happily doling out goodies and praising the prime minister in another mosque.

“The same way, some Malays are arrested and shamed for eating in public, but the Islamic establishment does not seem to care about or understand the meaning of a cover-up,” Zaid said.

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