

'Value Of Police Seizures Subjective, They Were Presents'

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak described the value of the seizures, especially jewellery, quoted by the police in its investigation into it as subjective and unrealistic.

In an exclusive interview with the Malaysiakini news portal, Najib said the assessment was subjective because there were (precious) stones in the jewellery that had been seized at about 20 years old.

In fact, according to him, the value when the goods were purchased should also be taken into account in the valuation.

"It depends on the source of a stone, it also depends, when it was given as a present or when it was purchased. The valuation (for the goods) may change."

"So let's not be too excited. Let's see those items, every one of them."

"We hope there is a chance that they will be evaluated and we can draw a conclusion on the source of the items and be able to get clarifications on the goods that the police had seized," he said when interviewed at the portal office here today.

Earlier, Bukit Aman Commercial CID director Datuk Seri Amar Singh Ishar Singh said the value of the loot in the investigation against Najib amounted to RM900 million to RM1.1 billion.

According to Amar Singh, eight special teams were formed involving 150 personnel and several branded goods specialists who took 36 days to calculate the value of 12,000 types of

jewellery in 25 bags from 72 seized bags.

Commenting further, Najib said just like other husbands, he did not know comprehensively the number of jewellery collections owned by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

He also said he was not given a full list of items seized during a raid at his house in Jalan Duta and three condominium units at Pavillion Residences in Kuala Lumpur last month.

He added that he was only given an incomplete list as well as explanations which were unclear without the pictures of the seized goods.

"But what I know, over the years as the head of government, we are rewarded with various items by international leaders and personal friends."

"I know it's not against the law to accept a gift. For example (Prime Minister) Tun Dr Mahathir (Mohamad) admitted he received 40 horses from his friend and he also openly used many of his friends' corporate jets. So, it is not against the law to receive presents," he said, as reported in the portal.

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