

## **PAS to unveil more Felda Global Ventures failures**

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PAS plans to unveil more of Felda Global Ventures Holdings' (FGVH) investment failures across the globe, following its expose on a series of losses in the GLC's overseas venture last year.

NONE "We are going reveal more of FGVH's investments in India, Kalimantan (Indonesia) and the Middle East," Kubang Kerian PAS MP Salahuddin Ayub (left) told a press conference at the Parliament lobby today.

As part of a campaign to halt FGVH's public listing planned for the end of the second quarter this year, Salahuddin and Persatuan Anak Peneroka Felda Kebangsaan (Anak) economic adviser Rosli Yaakop today detailed how FGVH's investments in the US and Canada continued to record losses.

According to Rosli, FGVH through Felda Global Ventures North America (FGVNA) Sdn Bhd had set up two companies to manage its investments: Twin Rivers Technologies Holdings Inc and Felda Global Ventures North America US LLC in the US and Canada respectively.

NONE "I have with me FGVNA's audited accounts as of Dec 31, 2010, and it is stated that the company recorded RM27.6 million in losses compared with the RM44.8 million in profits in 2009," said Rosli (right in photo).

In a bid to counter Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Ahmad Maslan's insistence that FGVH is a profit-making venture, and his pledge that the listing would not gamble away interests of the settlers, Rosli said:

"As of 2010, FGVNA injected RM1.26 billion into its subsidiaries in North America, including RM436.2 million in investments, RM595.4 million in loans and RM223.7 million in other investments."

Citing the company's audited financial statement from Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC), Rosli asked why FGVNA had bought 80,000 ordinary shares in Twin Rivers for RM125.4 million at RM1,567.50 per share.

"However, based on the performance indicators - the loss-making company and loans to subsidiaries that were not repaid according to agreed terms - suggest that the companies are facing difficulties."

Ahmad Maslan had asserted that collectively, FGVH's group of companies had achieved a "stimulating growth" and recorded a pre-tax profit of RM366 million in 2010.

Salahuddin and Rosli are puzzled why FGVNA ran into losses in 2010 when it recorded profits in 2009.

Rosli also asked what were the expected returns from FGVNA's RM1.26 billion investment in the foreign companies and the benefits to the Felda settlers.

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