Tajuddin: We back PM, but he must fix 1MDB
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An Umno leader has revealed that the party supreme council raised concerns over the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and Tabung Haji-1MDB land purchase during its meeting yesterday.

"We support the prime minister, but we also want him to solve the problems in 1MDB," said Tajuddin Abdul Rahman.

"We gave our opinion to the boss that there should be no usage of public funds for 1MDB.

"Majority of us also disagreed with Tabung Haji buying the land (from 1MDB) as this could lead to bad perception of the government and pilgrimage fund.

"But since Tabung Haji has agreed to sell the land, so the issue is solved," he told Malaysiakini.

The Umno supreme council member and deputy minister said there were no fireworks and discussions were cordial during the meeting.

"The atmosphere was good.

"You can't just expect us to sit quietly throughout the meeting, we offered our views and suggestions (on the two issues)," he added.

According to Tajuddin, he also does not view Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin as being opposed to 1MDB.

"Muhyiddin also wants 1MDB to be successful," he noted.

"Nobody was against 1MDB, we did not reject 1MDB. We want the GLC to excel.

"We want this to be solved as soon as possible, but we did not give a deadline," he added.

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Tajuddin also said the supreme council did not raise the issue of Retirement Fund Inc (KWAP) considering buying land in the Tun Razak Exchange.

Another supreme council member Reezal Merican Naina Merican said the prime minister gave each supreme council member an opportunity to voice his or her opinion in a democratic manner.

"Some with corporate background also gave their advice to the PM and supreme council members," he told Malaysiakini.

Reezal said there were also discussions about the Rompin and Permatang Pauh by-elections.

Following the meeting, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, who is facing pressure to resign, claimed that the Umno supreme council gave him and Muhyiddin their unequivocal support.

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