

Uproar after 1MDB vanishes from 11MP

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Five years ago Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak mentioned in the Tenth Malaysia Plan that the Kuala Lumpur International Financial District (now known as Tun Razak Exchange) and Bandar Malaysia are strategic developments that will drive the nation's transformation agenda.

Fast forward to today, Najib's debt-ridden controversial brainchild, the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), is conspicuously absent from the Eleventh Malaysia Plan.

"We were all waiting to hear the national blueprint to solve the 1MDB issue... it was mentioned in 10MP and it completely disappeared from 11MP. But the problem is still here," Kelana Jaya MP Wong Chen (photo) chided.

"After five years of 1MDB, what you have now is a big scandal, so I would imagine the prime minister would not try to avoid the issue, instead take the bull by its horns and say what is to be done about 1MDB," he added.

Avoid another 1MDB scandal

Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali said not addressing this issue would have a negative effect on investor confidence.

"Recent incidents like 1MDB and Tabung Haji were not touched at all (in terms) of steps the government will take (to solve it).

"This will cause investor confidence, locally and abroad, to erode (and make it difficult) to expand our economy," Azmin (photo), who is Gombak MP, told reporters at the Parliament lobby.

Meanwhile, Bayan Baru MP Sim Tze Tzin hoped the government would improve on its execution of the 11MP, to avoid another 1MDB scandal.

"The government's weakness is execution, it had a good blueprint, but it became a disaster, a scandal.

"One of those blueprints in the 10MP was 1MDB, but now it is the biggest scandal in the country," Sim said.

However, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Abdul Wahid Omar said 1MDB was not in this edition of the development plan because there was a focus shift.

"Different plans will have different approaches, and our approach will focus more on the

people," Wahid said.

The 1MDB scandal is the biggest scandal plaguing Najib at the moment, with former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad using it as a weapon to oust the prime minister.

Najib's deputy, Muhyiddin Yassin, has also been critical of the sovereign wealth fund, and wants its board of directors axed.

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