

Ignorance no excuse for 1MDB, Ku Li tells cabinet

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The entire cabinet should be held responsible for the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) imbroglio, said former finance minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

The veteran Umno lawmaker said Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak should not be solely blamed for this matter.

"Everybody in the cabinet must be collectively responsible for this problem. You cannot say 'this is your problem, not my problem'," Tengku Razaleigh said.

The Gua Musang MP, who is popularly known as Ku Li, said the cabinet ministers were equally responsible, irrespective of whether they had knowledge of what transpired.

He said ministers cannot hide behind the excuse of being ignorant about the matter, which is a public issue.

If in the dark, Tengku Razaleigh said, the ministers should have raised it at a cabinet meeting. Similar calls have also been made by the opposition.

Muhyiddin's speech

Last week, PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli questioned why Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin did not resign.

This was after a video of Muhyiddin's speech to an Umno gathering was leaked, in which he said the 1MDB board of directors should be axed and investigated.

Rafizi said Muhyiddin had been second-in-command since the inception of 1MDB to its present state.

He also noted that Muhyiddin was a party to all the cabinet decisions that made 1MDB to what it is now.

Despite the opposition harping on the 1MDB issue for years, the matter exploded after former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad entered the ring.

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