

Zaid: Does Nur Jazlan dare summon PM to PAC?

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If Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairperson Nur Jazlan Mohamed is still divided about summoning Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, the answer should be an emphatic "yes".

Zaid Ibrahim writing this on his blog said the answer was all too obvious. The real question, he said, was whether Nur Jazlan has the courage to do so.

"There are many reasons that are too obvious for me to elucidate, but the real question is whether Nur Jazlan is brave enough to face the wrath of the Bugis warrior.

"Can this promising Umno politician, who is a smart Melayu, summon that ounce of courage sorely lacking in other Umno MPs, to summon the PM, who is the real architect of 1MDB and everything that has taken place in the company under his watch since 2009?" wrote Zaid yesterday.

Zaid, a former Umno law minister, said if Nur Jazlan follows through then it could help restore some confidence in the country's institutions.

"It will throw some lifeline to us weary rakyat that there are people holding responsible positions we can rely on," he said.

Jho Low summoned

Nur Jazlan has been coy on whether the PAC will summon Najib in its investigation into alleged misappropriation of 1MDB's funds.

Yesterday he announced that Penang-born billionaire Jho Low, a close friend of Najib's family, will be summoned to face the committee.

There is also a separate investigation by a special task force probing the 1MDB scandal, including the latest allegation that US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) in 1MDB funds had been deposited into Najib's private bank accounts.

The special task force comprises the heads of the police, Bank Negara, Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) and is facilitated by the Attorney-General's Chambers.

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