

Make 1MDB interim audit report public, PM urged

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has been urged to make public the Auditor-General's Interim Report on the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) issue.

This will not only address all the allegations raised by Sarawak Report but also address claims that opposition leaders and Sarawak Report had tampered with data related to 1MDB, parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) member Tony Pua said today.

The Auditor-General's Department, which was ordered by the prime minister to audit 1MDB, submitted the interim report to PAC on July 9 but it is not available to the public.

This is a fairly comprehensive report which looked into the transactions of 1MDB and PetroSaudi International, with minutes of meetings, documents, agreements, resolutions, and letters of relevant parties, noted Pua (photo), who has a copy.

"The prime minister has a very simple way to end the entire fiasco, and end the exceedingly unhealthy speculation over whose allegations are the truth, and whose are fabricated.

"All he has to do is allow the auditor-general to make public the interim report, with the relevant attachments that were submitted to PAC," Pua told a press conference today.

"Based on the information in it, all questions of whether the 1MDB-PetroSaudi International data, exposed by Sarawak Report and The Edge, had been tampered, fabricated, doctored, or otherwise, will immediately be put to rest.

"There will be no more need for Lester Melanyi's paid-for video confessions," he said.

Despite emphasising Malaysians can find the answers to all allegations in the report, he however stopped short of saying if it confirmed Sarawak Report's content or cleared the opposition of tampering allegations.

"Unfortunately I can't tell you the answer or I will be punished," he said, with a copy of the interim report in hand.

At the press conference, Pua also reiterated that he never met former PetroSaudi International director Xavier Andre Justo (photo).

He also accused his critics of jumping the gun by insinuating he was the opposition leader Justo met in Singapore.

Thai investigator Lieutenant-General Prawuth Thavornsiri was reported as saying Justo had met important people, including an opposition leader there.

"This sleight of hand has since been taken as gospel truth, allowing BN leaders to go on a witch-hunt against the leading critics of 1MDB," he asserted.

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