

## **'PAC chief cut out BNM statement on Good Star's owner'**

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Opposition members of the Public Accounts Committee have accused their committee chairperson Hasan Arifin of editing the PAC report on 1MDB without the committee's approval.

Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua claimed today Hasan had cut out a sentence in the report on the Jho Low-linked firm Good Star Ltd.

Pua said the removed sentence reads: "Bank Negara Malaysia had been informed voluntarily by the authorities of that country that Good Star Limited is a company owned by an individual that has no links to PetroSaudi Group."

This sentence, he said, had been approved by all PAC members in their working draft but it did not appear in the final published report.

The report, as it is, only states that former 1MDB chief executive officer Shahrol Azral Halimi had furnished documents that Good Star was a PetroSaudi subsidiary.

1MDB had diverted US\$700 million of funds meant for a joint venture with PetroSaudi into Good Star's accounts without the approval of the 1MDB board of directors.

Malaysiakini has contacted Hasan for his response to this allegation.

Reading out a statement by all the opposition PAC members, Pua said deleting the sentence was an offence.

"Cutting out a sentence approved by the PAC is clearly in breach of the Standing Orders and arouses suspicion towards the PAC chief's intention to close the case," he said.

They have demanded that Hasan rectify this error immediately by tabling a correction in Parliament.

They also want Hasan to release two Hansards of PAC hearings which have not been made public.

These are Hansards of the PAC's session with the auditor-general, and the committee meetings when preparing the report on 1MDB.

Asked if they would be taking any action against Hasan, Pua said they would wait for his response first.

“Maybe he’ll say that it was a mistake, and I can accept that.”

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