

After Rafizi's conviction, Wan Azizah urges PM to reveal 1MDB report

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Describing the conviction of PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli as a sad day for democracy in Malaysia, Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail reiterated her call for the 1MDB audit report to be made public.

“Once again, I urge (Prime Minister) Najib Abdul Razak to show courage and allow the 1MDB report by the auditor-general to be declassified, especially since it was he who ordered for the report to be classified under the Official Secrets Act (OSA),” the opposition leader said in a media statement today.

Wan Azizah, who is also PKR president, was responding to Rafizi being slapped with a 18-month prison term for breaching the OSA.

Rafizi was accused of having Page 98 of the auditor-general's report on 1MDB in his possession, without authorisation, in breach of Section 8(1)(c)(iii) of the OSA.

The Sessions Court has allowed a stay of execution pending his appeal.

'Court actions have been taken abroad'

Meanwhile, Wan Azizah noted how investigations and court actions have been taken against those linked to the 1MDB case abroad, such as in Singapore, the United States and in Switzerland.

“Without the report, Parliament cannot discuss, recommend or determine the quantum that had been siphoned by certain quarters,” she said.

Putrajaya's refusal to make public the report, she claimed, served to strengthen the perception that the government does not want the truth to be known.

As for Rafizi, who is also PKR secretary-general and Pandan MP, Wan Azizah said the entire party's leadership and members are behind him.

“I pray that Rafizi and his family are bestowed the strength to face this test,” she added.

Najib has repeatedly denied abusing 1MDB funds for personal gain and the attorney-general has also cleared the prime minister of any wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, former PKR Youth chief Ezam Mohd Noor, who was also jailed under the OSA more than a decade ago, said the situation has not changed.

“This shows that the country is still in the old draconian phase where an old law is used to protect a leader.

"The issue is not of confidentiality but of corruption and abuse of power by a government leader," he added.

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