

Kit Siang: Where is the PKFZ 'super task force' report?

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DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang is furious that the government is again proving its lack of transparency in the Port Klang Free Zone scandal.

NONEDemanding that the report by the 11-member "super task force" be released to the public, Lim (left) said no information has surfaced since the task force was set up by Prime Minister Najib Razak in September last year.

"Although the task force is required to submit reports to the government within six months and from time to time, nothing is known about its activities or reports.

"The time has come for all the reports of the task force to be made public to account for actions taken by the Najib administration on the RM12.5 billion PKFZ scandal over the past year," the DAP parliamentarian said in a statement.

Najib in his announcement had said the task force, headed by the Chief Secretary to the Government Sidek Hassan, would study how to maximise the project's value and reduce the cost on taxpayers.

However, the government's recent decision to compel Port Klang Authority (PKA), the port's governing body, to pay out RM222.58 million in bonds would mean that taxpayers would ultimately foot the bill.

'Deplorable to order PKA to pay bonds'

"Transport minister Kong Cho Ha's decision is all the more deplorable as it has now been revealed that Kuala Dimensi Sdn Bhd had given undertakings that it will cover any shortfall in bond repayments should PKA fail to do so, making it KDSB's problem and not that of Malaysian taxpayers," said Lim.

The fiery Ipoh Timor MP also slammed the federal government's relative inaction on the multi-billion ringgit controversy, saying that those charged so far were merely mid-level officers.

"Not a single 'big fish' has been arrested, although there is hot buzz on the grapevine that one would be hauled to court today," he said.

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Four people were charged last year with several counts of cheating and criminal breach of trust. They are former PKA general manager OC Phang, PKFZ turnkey contractor Kuala Dimensi Sdn Bhd CEO Stephen Abok, architect Bernard Tan and engineer Law Jenn Dong.

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