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PAC considers probing Jho Low's allegations on 1MDB

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PAC chairman says 1MDB issue cannot be left hanging for too long as it affects govt agencies

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PUBLIC Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said the committee may also investigate businessman Low Taek Jho's allegations on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

Nur Jazlan told *The Malaysian Reserve* it is apparent that Low or better known as Jho Low tried to show that he is not alone in the controversial issue.

"Maybe he (Jho Low) feels that the issue is being unfairly dumped on him. It is interesting for us (PAC) to find out," he said.

Nur Jazlan was commenting on Jho Low's remark in a recent interview where he accused Umno of being "spin masters" and that he is being attacked "in all directions" over his alleged involvement in 1MDB.

In the interview with *Euro-money*, Jho Low was quoted as saying: "It's so frustrating. I've never faced this kind of attack from all directions. It's just crazy, and these Umno guys



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Former PM Dr Mahathir who had brought up Najib's method of handling the 1MDB issue, had again wrote yesterday stating: "He (Najib) was on TV recently, I believe it was for the people and not just for me

are spin masters, they know all this sort of nonsense.

"I feel it's just gotten to a point where it's just ridiculous. There are all these guys with their arrows out on me. There seems to be a very, very coordinated attempt to say: "This young Chinaman, it's all his fault, he caused the failure of 1MDB and apparently he advised the PM and everything is screwed up now."

In explaining the committee's intention to set its own audit on 1MDB, Nur Jazlan said this issue on the sovereign state fund cannot be left hanging for too long as it affects government agency such as Bank Negara Malaysia, bond markets and the currency.

the 1MDB issue, had again wrote about it yesterday stating: "He (Najib) was on TV recently, I believe it was for the people and not just for me. However, issues such as the 1MDB was never really explained.

"He said the money was not in Cayman Islands but he said previously that the money was there and it was eventually brought back home," wrote Dr Mahathir in his blog.

Dr Mahathir also repeated his question on why 1MDB did not use the Cayman funds to pay off the RM2 billion in loans interest which led the government to give it RM900 million standing credit.

Meanwhile, Jho Low tweeted his apology to Umno Youth leader Khairy Jamaluddin, for all the misinformation purportedly caused by the interview.

He said in a tweet: "YB, I support fully. Apologies 4 the misunderstanding caused by misinformation of those who want 2cause a rift!"

Khairy called for investigation against 1MDB to be hastened and for probe to be conducted on Jho Low.

"The youths have voiced support for Najib Razak. Please expedite probe into 1MDB. Also fully probe this guy," he tweeted, while sharing Jho Low's mugshot.

"Whether we like or not, this issue has become political. It does not help the fact that the prime minister's (PM) explanation on 1MDB was not accepted by many," the Pulau MP added, referring to PM Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak's interview on local television station last week.

"This controversy affects the credibility of Umno as a ruling party and 1MDB's board of directors too," Nur Jazlan added.

He is also hopeful 1MDB will give full cooperation to PAC to conduct an audit with them.

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