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Show proof that 1MDB lost RM42b, Dr M urged

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KEPALA BATAS: Parti Kesejahteraan Insan Tanah Air (Kita) has challenged former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to show proof that RM42 billion had indeed gone missing from 1Malaysia Development Berhad's (1MDB) accounts.

"I want Dr Mahathir to show to the people the supposed letter from the Swiss bank in Singapore which proved that the money had gone missing.

"It is unbecoming of Dr Mahathir, as a statesman, to accuse 1MDB of irregularities in the absence of strong evidence," Zamil said here yesterday.

Zamil also urged pro-opposition and pro-Dr Mahathir news portals to replace the word "hilang" (missing) with "borrow", as used in numerous published reports against 1MDB.

Zamil said Dr Mahathir had clarified in the latter's blog (chedet.cc) that he never said RM42 billion had gone missing but was borrowed by 1MDB.

He said despite Dr Mahathir's clarification, pro-opposition portals had yet to replace the word "missing" with "borrow".

"The portals must own up to their reports," Zamil added.

He also asked Dr Mahathir to come out in the open to clarify this to the people as the use

of the word "hilang" had cast Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in a bad light.

"Dr Mahathir has caused 1MDB to become a laughing stock.

"Pakatan leaders had taken advantage of the 1MDB allegations to hit out at the government during the recent Rompin and Permatang Pauh by-elections," he said.

Zamil defended allegations against 1MDB and reiterated that it had the right to borrow funds as the government-linked strategic development company had a wide range of assets, comprising properties, to back up any loan.

Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission member Tunku Aziz Tunku Ibrahim had, on Tuesday, taken aim at Dr Mahathir for his gross inconsistencies over the 1MDB issue.

"He claimed that RM42 billion was lost, disappeared, but subsequently changed the story.

"Obviously, he didn't get his facts right.

"He was so quick to demand proof (in the 1MDB case) but he wasn't so forthcoming in other cases," he was quoted as saying.

Dr Mahathir has been seeking Najib's ouster, citing the "disappearance" of the 1MDB loans and the inability by the government to sufficiently answer questions about the issue.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad clarified in his blog that he did not say RM42 billion had gone missing, but was borrowed by 1MDB



Zamil Ibrahim says Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should not accuse 1MDB of irregularities in the absence of evidence