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PM vows action against wrongdoers

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IMDB PROBE:
Do not conduct trial by media, Najib urges public

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DATUK Seri Najib Razak has promised “the strictest action” against those responsible if investigations into Malaysia Development Bhd (IMDB) reveal any evidence of wrongdoing.

The prime minister said IMDB was facing a challenging period, but concrete measures were being taken to address the matter.

“IMDB is in the midst of implementing a rationalisation plan, which, if allowed to continue unimpeded, will allow the company to offset its outstanding debt and resolve the cash flow issues it is facing.

“In terms of claims of wrongdoing,

there are a number of investigations; some in Malaysia, which I myself have ordered, and others by international authorities, which I welcome.

“Rather than conduct a trial by media, we must wait for the outcome of these investigations, and if any evidence of wrongdoing is found, I can assure you that the strictest action will be taken against those responsible,” he said during his address at the two-day Global Transformation Forum 2015 yesterday.

Najib said the public should wait for the outcome of the investigations into IMDB instead of conducting a trial by media.

The forum saw participation by notable speakers, comprising former and present heads of state, delivery unit heads, top civil servants, ministers, captains of industry, and those from think tanks, academia and civil society organisations.

In a separate statement, IMDB said it would respond to Petaling Jaya Utara member of parliament Tony Pua at upcoming Public Accounts Committee (PAC) hearings

on matters related to the company.

“IMDB has submitted authentic company documents, including its board of directors’ minutes, to the authorities investigating the company, such as police and the auditor general.

“This is per due process and the laws of our country.

“The auditor general has confirmed that its final report will be ready before year-end. This will be submitted to the bipartisan PAC, of which Pua is a member.

“PAC will then present its findings to Parliament, upon which all relevant information will be available to the public.”

IMDB reiterated that rather than waiting for the investigations to be concluded, Pua continued to raise premature questions without providing evidence in his attempt to score political points.

“IMDB, however, remains focused on cooperating with the investigations by the authorities.

“In fact, we look forward to answering Pua — per due process and with all supporting evidence — at upcoming PAC hearings.”