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Apologise to Najib and Govt, 1MDB critics told

PETALING JAYA; Critics of IMalaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) owe the Government an apology in light of the arrest of Xavier Andre Justo in Thailand.

Gerakan vice-president Datuk Dr Dominic Lau Hoe Chai said the arrest of the Swiss national raised questions as to the authenticity of the documents used by Sarawak Report in its publications on 1MDB.

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Minister," Lau said in a statement.

On Wednesday, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the Home Ministry had been informed that Justo had relayed incorrect information to Sarawak Report.

Some of the e-mails and docu-

ments published by the portal showed signs of being tampered with after they were stolen from PetroSaudi International's databases.'

The Home Minister had said the information taken from the databases was incomplete and edited by professionals with the intent of tarnishing the image of certain groups.

Lau supported the calls for the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission to investigate and act against Sarawak Report and other publications, including *The Edge*, which had relied on incorrect information.

He said the manner in which the information was acquired and tam-

pered with raised serious legal and ethical questions.

Meanwhile, DAP MP and Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) member Tony Pua has accused prominent lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah of campaigning to remove him from PAC in an attempt to stop him from raising questions on IMalaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

Shafee responded that no MPs or PAC members were immune from being criticised.

"It is the citizens who put them there and I am one of those citizens. I am certainly entitled to make comments and suggestions," he said.