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# Development fund refutes Dr M's haj claims

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The claims made in series of blog posts by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad are baseless, says 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

In a statement yesterday, it refuted Dr Mahathir's claims about 1MDB Foundation's sponsorship of a special haj programme.

Dr Mahathir had said that anyone who had performed the haj through 1MDB Foundation's sponsorship would not be *haji mabrur* (divinely accepted).

"Dr Mahathir wrongly claims that the foundation funded (the haj) with 'stolen' money. 1MDB strongly denies this baseless and unsubstantiated allegation.

"On the contrary, 1MDB has legit-

imate business operations, formerly in energy production and more recently, in real estate development," it said, adding that funds from its busi-

ness operations contributed to the foundation.

1MDB said besides the haj programme, the foundation supported other programmes, such as the SPM Public Service Department programme.

"Since its inception in 2010, the 1MDB Foundation has provided sponsorship of RM690 million for

worthy causes nationwide and for all Malaysians, delivering 60 projects in education, healthcare, youth development and community services.

"Such projects have had an impact on the lives of 2.8 million Malaysians."

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