

Speaker: Najib must clarify 'misleading' address

DATUK Seri Najib Razak will have to clarify his “misleading” address in Parliament linked to the 1MDB saga tomorrow, the Speaker announced.

Tan Sri Azhar Azizan Harun said he had written to the Pekan MP to explain the matter in the House.

“I have also requested that the Finance Minister explain what he said in the House the other day,” he added.

Azhar however said he was not sure if Najib would be able to meet the deadline.

He was responding to RSN Rayer (PH-Jelutong) on whether Najib

would be referred to Parliament’s Rights and Privileges Committee for allegedly misleading Parliament with regard to repayment of 1MDB debts.

The MP was referring to a notice submitted by Tony Pua (PH-Damansara) last Thursday to cite the former prime minister to the committee.

Najib, when debating the motion of thanks on the Royal Address last week, claimed that the previous and current administrations had yet to repay 1MDB’s debt amounting to some RM32bil.

The following day, Finance

Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz told the House that Najib’s allegation that the government had yet to pay “a single sen” of 1MDB’s principal debt was baseless.

Tengku Zafrul said the government had paid RM6.5bil in interest on the 1MDB debts.

Rayer urged Azhar to resolve the matter as soon as possible, saying it had a bearing on the Johor state election to be held on Saturday.

Earlier during the debate, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (PN-Pagoh) claimed that Najib had misled the House with his claims.

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