

**Kedah State Government Must Clarify Audit Report**  
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ALOR SETAR, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Kedah government must explain to the public the Auditor-general's report on the numerous leakages and losses by state government-linked companies.

Kedah Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah said all losses as revealed in the report could not be ignored as it involved a huge sum.

"It becomes an issue because many more state government projects are experiencing losses especially a company which was allowed to make a big loan to carry out business in Papua New Guinea.

"All these shortcomings must be explained. We want the state government to take action against the individuals and company managers involved instead of just keeping quiet," he told reporters after opening a function, here, today.

He said the state government was earnestly investing the public funds, in a short span of time, in Papua New Guinea but it did not benefit the state.

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