

**Rafiz exposes RM1.3b building contract to Umno's 'six million dollar man'**  
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PETALING JAYA, April 23 — Umno's "six million dollar man" Datuk Tajuddin Abdul Rahman was tied today to allegations of corruption and cronyism in the award of a RM1.3 billion 23-year concession to his company to build the Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Tapah campus.

PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli claimed that Tajuddin's firm, Detik Utuh Sdn Bhd, is not an active construction company and has no performance record in the industry.

He said that in an announcement to Bursa Malaysia in 2010, Detik Utuh's partner joint venture partner for the mega project, Crest Builder Holdings Berhad, put the university's construction cost at just RM285.89 million which, he said, was a justifiable sum.

But to make up the total concession value of RM1.3 billion, Rafizi (picture) said the concession agreement between the Higher Education Ministry, UiTM and the construction firms in May 2010 had also listed other hidden costs to be borne by the federal government.

Claiming to have sighted the agreement, Rafizi said these "special costs" include a monthly capacity charge of RM4.50 psf and a maintenance charge of RM1.146 psf per month, for the 23-year duration of the concession.

Taking into consideration that the size of the campus is 837,872 square feet, he said this meant that the federal government would have to fork out RM56.77 million a month for 23 years.

"This makes the cost of the project five times that the cost of the actual construction of the campus building," he said.

Jokingly, the PKR leader said Tajuddin's "six million dollar man" nickname should now be changed to "1.3 billion ringgit man".

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