

Najib urged to sack AG for incompetence

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PETALING JAYA: The DAP has once again called for the sacking of Attorney General Abdul Gani Patail over his failure to successfully charge two former MCA leaders in the PKFZ case.

DAP's publicity secretary and MP for PJ Utara Tony Pua said the AG had cocked up the corruption and abuse of power cases of Dr Ling Liong Sik and Chan Kong Choy over the RM12.5 billion PKFZ scandal.

He added that the AG had failed the Malaysian public who had placed their faith on a competent Attorney-General to ensure that those found corrupt and have abused their powers be brought to justice.

"We had hoped that the Malaysian government will pull out all stops to ensure that those guilty are punished accordingly," he said.

Pua was replying to the decision of the AG Chambers yesterday to withdraw the three charges levelled against Chan for allegedly cheating the Prime Minister and the Cabinet to seek financial support for the PKFZ project.

Earlier in October last year Ling was acquitted of having cheated the Cabinet in the PKFZ matter.

"Malaysians are now left bewildered as to who are those responsible for the country's most expensive scandal to date," said Pua.

The DAP man also noted that the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) had in its November 2009 strongly recommended that Chan be charged for his role in the scandal.

He also asked as to why the AG had charged Chan with cheating the then prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and not for criminal breach of trust as recommended by the PAC.

"Chan was given a mind-boggling charge of having cheated the then PM, Abdullah Badawi. This was a charge which ultimately proved impossible after the humiliation suffered by the prosecution over the earlier acquittal of Ling who was similarly charged for having misled Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Why did the Attorney-General not charge Chan for criminal breach of trust despite the PAC recommendations?

"Once again, the question needs to be asked, did the AG frame the charges to fail against both Ling and Chan?" he asked.

Pua also questioned if the two MCA leaders were intentionally given flimsy charges to provide the Najib administration with the appearance of taking a strong stand against

corruption before elections.

He added that the incompetence of the AG could not be tolerated and urged the prime minister to sack Abdul Gani.

He must be replaced by another who is competent and will act without fear or favour, said Pua.

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