

'Pua, Rafizi, strangely silent over DEIG'
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Selangor Umno says 'genuine transparency' must transcend party politics.

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Umno secretary Budiman Mohd Zohdi has challenged opposition figures Rafizi Ramli and Tony Pua to explain the rationale behind the formation of the Darul Ehsan Investment Group (DEIG), noting that the two have been silent over the issue.

“They have always preached integrity, accountability and transparency, but there hasn’t been a clear statement regarding their stance over DEIG,” he said today at a press conference in the Umno Selangor building.

He said “genuine transparency” must transcend party politics.

Budiman announced that he would embark on a state-wide roadshow to explain “the truth” about DEIG.

“We will organise briefings and dialogue sessions in every parliamentary constituency as we feel the rakyat should be informed on this matter,” he said.

Among the issues raised by Umno Selangor is the appointment of DEIG’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Operating Officer (COO). Budiman said they did not go through an “open appointment process.”

“Is it because the CEO and COO did not have the best track records?” he asked.

He said the former state investment arm, Menteri Besar Incorporated (MBI), was more transparent than DEIG, arguing that MBI was bound by a state enactment. DEIG, on the other hand, was not subjected to the same enactment by virtue of it being a private limited company, he claimed.

He rejected allegations that Umno was bringing up the issue to divert public attention from the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal.

“They can make all kinds of allegations, but this concerns the state of Selangor,” he said. “Is it wrong for me as a citizen and a representative of the people to request information and an explanation from the Menteri Besar?” he asked.

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