

**PAC to summon two for explanation on 1Azam – Bernama
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The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will summon two individuals to explain on the weaknesses of the 1Azam poverty eradication programme highlighted in the 2013 Auditor-General's Report.

PAC chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said they were former Women, Family and Community Development Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Noorul Ainul Mohd Nur and former National Welfare Foundation (YKN) chief executive officer Datuk Syed Abdul Rahman Syed Mohamad.

"Today, the current secretary-general Datuk Sabariah Hassan and Agriculture and Agro-based Industry secretary-general Datuk Mohd Arif Abdul Rahman gave their explanations.

"They were appointed in 2014 and were not involved in managing the programme which was established in 2010," he told reporters after chairing the PAC meeting at Parliament today.

He said among the weaknesses of the initiative were the selection of participants which was not based on the eKasih system, a registry monitoring the official national database of the hardcore poor.

In addition, Nur Jazlan said the equipment provided were not fully utilised, while some participants could not be identified.

"The issues include non-compliance of standard operating procedure (SOP) and government regulations," he said.

On the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) issue, Nur Jazlan said he had yet to have the opportunity to meet auditor-general Tan Sri Ambrin Buang to discuss the scope and duration of the investigation of the issue. – Bernama, March 24, 2015.

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