

## **Nurul Izzah calls for Najib's resignation over Tabung Haji-1MDB land deal**

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak should resign and Lembaga Tabung Haji top executives be sacked over the pilgrims' fund's purchase of land from debt-ridden state investment firm 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar said today.

She joins other opposition lawmakers in asking for Najib's resignation, as he is also the finance minister and chairman of 1MDB's advisory board.

Nurul Izzah said only such action would be able to restore public confidence in Tabung Haji, a savings fund for Muslims to perform the haj in Mecca.

"To be fair all heads must roll in Tabung Haji including the prime minister, because he remains as the 1MDB advisory board chairman," Nurul Izzah said today.

"They should be sacked, including chairman of 1MDB advisory board, Datuk Seri Najib Razak."

She said the issue should serve as a wake up call especially to Umno leaders.

"Are you going to tell me all of you will stay silent in the face of such unacceptable transaction? It should serve as a wake up call, especially to Umno leaders, what more does it take?" she said after a residents' dialogue in Kampung Muhibbah in her constituency today.

Tabung Haji's RM188.5 million purchase of a 0.63ha plot of land from 1MDB has stirred public outcry as the government-owned strategic investment firm is known to be sitting on a pile of debt, leading critics to allege that the sale was a form of bailout for the struggling fund.

Nurul Izzah said while the issue had provided fodder for the opposition, the public would ultimately bear the cost of 1MDB's debts.

She also questioned the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's role in this issue and its slowness in acting against 1MDB.

Tabung Haji yesterday denied any conflict of interest, saying that its group managing director and CEO Tan Sri Ismee Ismail, who also sits on 1MDB's board, had stayed out of all the negotiations. – May 10, 2015.

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