

**Arul Kanda, Shahrol Azral To Explain 1MDB Issues In Early August – PAC  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will call 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) chief executive officer (CEO) Arul Kanda Kandasamy and former CEO Datuk Shahrol Azral Ibrahim Halmi to attend its investigation proceedings into 1MDB on August 4 and 5.

PAC chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said the committee would also call former acting CEO of 1MDB Datuk Seri Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi to attend the proceedings on Aug 6.

Nur Jazlan said Arul Kanda and Shahrol Azral were asked to attend the proceedings on different days to ensure smooth running of the investigation process.

"This is because a witness would take quite a long time (to give his or her statement) during investigation proceedings. That's why we decided to call them on separate days.

"Letters about the proceedings have been sent through the Finance Ministry last week and they were given six weeks from now to get prepared," he told a press conference after chairing the PAC meeting at the Parliament Building here Wednesday.

Nur Jazlan said PAC would also call former members of 1MDB Board of Directors, Tan Sri Mohd Bakke Salleh (CEO of Sime Darby) and Tan Sri Azlan Zainol, to give their statements on Aug 17.

"Five new members of 1MDB Board of Directors have been asked to attend the proceedings on Aug 18," he said.

Meanwhile, he said PAC had also held a proceedings with audit firm, KPMG, to hear their explanation on the auditing procedures done for 1MDB for the year 2010 to 2012.

Nur Jazlan said two witnesses from the firm, namely its managing partner, Datuk Johan Idris, and senior auditor, Khaw Hock Hoe, had given their explanations and answers to over 35 questions posed by the PAC.

"They also said that their contracts were terminated by the Finance Ministry in December 2013, but they were not told the reasons for the termination," he said.

He also confirmed that the Auditor-General, Tan Sri Ambrin Buang, would table the preliminary report on 1MDB to the PAC on July 9.

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