

**People Urged To Trust Country's Institutions To Deal With 1MDB Issue**  
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JOHOR BA HARU, July 4 (Bernama) -- The people have been urged to trust the country's institutions in dealing with the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) issue.

Barisan Nasional Back Benchers Club (BNBBC) chairman Tan Sri Shahrir Abdul Samad said the people should not be influenced by external elements like foreign media speculation, and should be patient in awaiting any decision.

"We have to be patient and trust the country's institutions (Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Auditor-General) to do their work. If we keep believing in foreign media and outsiders' allegations, then it will be difficult for us," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after handing over Aidilfitri contributions from Johor Baharu UMNO to single mothers, orphans, the disabled and the poor here Saturday.

Shahrir, who is also Johor Baharu UMNO chief, said the allegations were deliberate attempts to test the strength of the country's institutions in addressing the issue.

Shahrir said foreign media attempts to denigrate developing countries like Malaysia were not new as they had happened even under the administration of the late Tun Abdul Razak Hussein and Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said if Malaysia was able to handle the situation and counter all the allegations, it would be seen as a mature and democratic country with strong institutions.

"The PAC has started the hearings and has been calling up witnesses, so we just wait for the outcome of the investigation.

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