

Tell Pua to quit PAC, Utusan's advice to DAP
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DAP should direct its publicity chief Tony Pua to withdraw from the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) following his admission of having met Sarawak Report editor and founder Clare Rewcastle-Brown, Umno-owned Utusan Malaysia said today.

The paper's editors, writing under the pseudonym Awang Selamat, said the Petaling Jaya Utara lawmaker's "tainted" reputation is embarrassing his party and tarnishing the committee which is investigating 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

"With the latest developments, including DAP leader Tony Pua's confession that he had met Clare Rewcastle-Brown over documents related to 1MDB, is he qualified to sit on the PAC to investigate the state investment firm?" asked Awang Selamat.

"In other words, his alleged involvement appears serious. In the name of integrity and to protect PAC's reputation, Tony Pua should willingly step down. In fact, DAP should take the wise stance of directing Tony Pua to withdraw to avoid tarnishing PAC."

Awang said a tainted person with "certain motives" did not deserve to be part of the PAC's probe into the debt-laden state investment fund.

"He is DAP's representative in the committee. Don't embarrass the party by acting as if you don't understand what integrity means."

Awang added that the public was still waiting the response from DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang or secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, over allegations of working with foreign entities to overthrow the government.

"Is DAP involved in a movement to topple the government from outside the democratic process, by working with foreign individuals and foreign press? Awang is only asking."

Last month, PAC chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamad defended Pua, saying that they were working well as a team in PAC.

"I personally think he has helped to highlight the issue on 1MDB which the majority of Malaysians today believe the PAC will dismiss in favour of the government. We are working well as a team.

"Pua performs a dual role as an MP for PJU and a PAC member," Nur Jazlan told Malaysiakini.

Criticism has been mounting over 1MDB, the Finance Ministry's wholly-owned investment vehicle established in 2009.

Scrutiny grew more intense following Sarawak Report's exposes, which piled pressure on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and prompted calls for a thorough investigation into the fund.

PAC started its investigation into the company in May, while the auditor-general submitted an interim report on 1MDB to PAC on July 9. – July 26, 2015.

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