

**Now 1MDB tells Tony Pua to come clean on Sarawak Report, The Edge link**  
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Under-fire 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) has gone on the offensive against one of their chief critics, Tony Pua, telling the DAP lawmaker to come clean on allegations that he had introduced Sarawak Report's Clare Rewcastle-Brown to The Edge Media Group publisher.

In a statement today, 1MDB said that it was disappointed with Pua's admission that was reported in the New Straits Times (NST) yesterday.

"We further note media reports that Tony Pua has not denied knowledge that Clare Rewcastle-Brown was dealing with stolen goods," 1MDB said, referring to the documents that were stolen by former Petrosaudi International executive Xavier Andre Justo.

"We hope Tony Pua will 'come clean' with his answers to the police."

Earlier today, Pua urged 1MDB to come clean on the bond arrangements and guarantee by Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Corporation (Ipic) to ensure it is not blamed for the reported disappearance of US\$1.4 billion.

Pua said the company must provide full disclosure of the terms of the Guarantee and Options Agreement with Ipic, adding that its denial of The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) report yesterday was not enough.

This comes after WSJ, quoting sources, reported yesterday that a US\$1.4 billion (RM6.02 billion) payment from 1MDB was missing from Ipic's financial statements.

According to the auditor-general's draft report, 1MDB made a collateral payment of US\$1.4 billion which went to Aabar Investments PJS, a subsidiary of Ipic, said WSJ in its report highlighting the missing money.

Quoting sources, WSJ said neither Ipic nor Aabar received the money and they had no knowledge of the funds' whereabouts.

In refuting the report, 1MDB had said that its audited financial statements "clearly describe" the amount and purpose of the payments, which, it added, was structured as a deposit (ie., a financial asset belonging to 1MDB and not an expense to 1MDB).

1MDB said it could also confirm that Ipic provided the guarantees for the principal and interest of two US\$1.75 billion bonds it had issued, with a total principal and interest amount of approximately US\$5.5 billion.

1MDB today told Pua that details of the bond and Ipic guarantee are publicly available documents, and said it had provided a detailed answer to WSJ's allegations.

"However, Tony Pua is quick to respond to detailed answers with even more questions. One can only conclude he is not at all interested in the answers," it said.

The debt-ridden state investment firm also noted that Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar had said that an investigation has been opened under Section 120 of the Penal Code for attempts to topple the government.

Following this, 1MDB has now urged Pua to step down as member of the bipartisan Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

"1MDB is disappointed to hear of the alleged actions by Tony Pua. While we have had differences of opinion with him, we respected his tenacity and focus.

"Now that Tony Pua is under investigation by the police, we urge him to practise what he preaches to others and step down from the PAC, while he proves his innocence on the various allegations made against him.

The IGP announced that Pua will be investigated following the NST report yesterday, in which the DAP lawmaker had allegedly admitted to introducing Rewcastle-Brown, who is the founder and editor of whistleblower site Sarawak Report, to The Edge bosses.

"1MDB has consistently maintained that the appropriate forum to share information is to the lawful authorities investigating 1MDB, including the PAC.

"It would appear that Tony Pua, notwithstanding his role in the PAC, wants to be judge, jury and executioner of 1MDB," the company said. – September 10, 2015

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