

**Fix your own scandal first, 1MDB fires back at Tony Pua**  
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1Malaysia Development Berhad today hit back at Tony Pua, who had urged the fund to answer allegations about missing billions levelled by The Wall Street Journal.

The debt-ridden state investment firm said the DAP lawmaker should fix his own scandals first.

In a statement today, 1MDB said Pua, who is DAP national publicity secretary, had “conveniently forgotten” to mention the denials by 1MDB issued on September 9 and 18 respectively in the statement issued today.

“It is clear from the detailed explanations provided by 1MDB that despite the spurious and unproven allegations raised by The Wall Street Journal in its first article dated September 9, further to the US\$1.4 billion (RM5.9 billion) deposit from 1MDB in 2012, the International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) was and remains the guarantor of two 1MDB bonds totalling US\$3.5 billion.

“Also, despite the malicious and wrong second WSJ article on September 18, upon payment of the ‘nearly US\$1 billion’ deposit by 1MDB, the options over the energy assets have indeed been terminated,” 1MDB said in the statement.

The firm insisted that the answers had been provided and reminded Pua that “the facts speak for themselves”.

“Do not take our word for it – this information is publicly available,” it said.

“We further wonder why Tony Pua is not at all bothered by the second arrogant admission, in as many weeks, by the Wall Street Journal, that it has reviewed documents that are part of the ongoing Public Accounts Committee (PAC) investigation.

“This is a clear scandal and a breach of Malaysian law. Accordingly, Tony Pua should focus his energies on properly answering the ongoing police investigations and answering the rakyat on this scandal, which has now disgraced the PAC process.”

PAC had recently been accused of supplying information regarding the 1MDB probe to the American business publication.

The possibility of the leak was, however, denied by former PAC chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, who said such a leak would more likely be from parliamentary staff because PAC members would not have access to the official transcripts or the Hansard of the committee’s last meeting on the matter.

This morning, Pua in a statement said 1MDB must issue a joint statement with IPIC to refute all doubts and suspicions that billions of the state investor’s funds have gone

unaccounted for.

He said this after WSJ reported yesterday that another US\$993 million remained unaccounted for, 10 days after allegations surfaced that a US\$1.4 billion (RM5.9 billion) payment was made by 1MDB to IPIC in 2012.

Pua said 1MDB had not answered questions about the money's whereabouts or WSJ's allegations, when it should be easy to rubbish them.

"The credibility of WSJ would be completely crushed," Pua said in his statement today. – September 19, 2015.

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