

Heed Malay rulers' concern on 1MDB, says Azmin
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The Malay rulers have expressed a "timely" concern about debt-ridden state investor 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) and Malaysians should take heed of their views, Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali said today.

Agreeing with the rulers' sentiments, Azmin also said the statement should not be politicised by anyone to gain mileage but serve as a "guiding light" to all those in power.

"Each and every matter expressed resonates with the people as much as they share the same degree of care and concern the issues raised by the rulers," Azmin said in a statement.

"We believe that this reminder is not just timely for the current issues affecting the nation but should remain a guiding light at all times to all those who hold executive power."

Azmin was responding to the statement issued by the Conference of Rulers yesterday, which listed nine points regarding 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), including a call for transparency in investigations and for wrongdoers to be punished.

The Malay rulers, who as sultans are ceremonial heads of their respective states and guardians of Islam, said they wanted the government to complete the investigation into 1MDB as soon as possible and act against those found to be implicated.

They said all concerned should extend "real and sincere" cooperation for the investigation to achieve its objectives.

They added that the failure of the government to give convincing clarifications and answers might have resulted in a crisis of confidence.

The rulers' statement, which was issued through national news agency Bernama, said they were worried that if the issue was not wisely handled, and was allowed to drag on, it could jeopardise the country's economy and the livelihood of the people.

They feared that this could also threaten public order and national security.

Azmin today said he also agreed with the Malay rulers that "enforcement agencies and regulatory institutions including the judiciary should have transparency, credibility and integrity so as to be worthy of God's trust and the people's faith". – October 7, 2015.

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