

Revive 1MDB special task force, says PAS
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Putrajaya should revive the special task force investigating troubled 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), PAS said today, after the Malay rulers urged the government to act against those who were responsible for the scandal.

The Islamist party's deputy president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said PAS was in full support of the statement by the Conference of Rulers, which has also called for speedy investigations into the debt-ridden state investment vehicle.

"With the recommendation by the Malay rulers, it is hoped that the government would not waste time in reviving the 1MDB special task force consisting of the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC), police, Bank Negara and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), and allow them to carry out their probe without fear or favour," Tuan Ibrahim said in a statement today.

The high-level government task force investigating 1MDB was disbanded in August, with the three main agencies ordered to work independently following the removal of the previous A-G Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail.

He was replaced by Federal Court judge Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali.

In a statement yesterday, the Malay rulers said the failure of the government to give convincing clarifications and answers might have resulted in a crisis of confidence.

They said they were worried that if the problem was not handled wisely, and was allowed to drag on, it could jeopardise the economy and the livelihood of the people. They feared that this could also threaten public order and national security.

PAS said it hoped that the investigating team would also include Gani, although he has retired, and also the auditor-general, who had presented a report on 1MDB to the Public Accounts Committee.

"If the prime minister is claiming that there were no misappropriations in the 1MDB issue, then he should fully support the investigations.

"Will the government take up the Malay Rulers' recommendation or will it let 1MDB answer it again? Najib's attitude after the reprimand from the Malay rulers will determine his political fate and of 1MDB's," said Tuan Ibrahim, referring to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said Najib, who is also finance minister and chairman of the 1MDB advisory board, had not responded to the statement by Bank Negara governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz on the value of the ringgit appreciating if the scandals regarding the fund were quickly resolved.

"Today, the Malay rulers have expressed similar worries, that the failure of the government to provide convincing answers have led to the people to believe, whether in reality or perception, that the 1MDB problems are one of the reasons contributing to the fall of the ringgit," he added.

"Will 1MDB also come up with a statement to criticise the opinion of the Malay rulers and will the Finance Ministry continue to be silent over this?" – October 7, 2015.

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