

Quit PAC If You Want To Debate On 1MDB On TV - Nazri To Tony Pua
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Petaling Jaya MP, Tony Pua, was today advised to quit as member of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) if he agrees to debate with 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) president and group executive director, Arul Kanda, on the strategic investment company.

Tourism and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said this was to avoid a conflict of interest as the 1MDB case was still under investigation.

"That body (PAC) is now investigating, so how can you debate when you are still a member? He (Pua) must be a neutral person, resign from PAC and go debate with Arul Kanda," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby, here, today.

In his statement today, Arul Kanda said he was prepared to face Pua on a live television broadcast, on the condition that the DAP lawmaker quit his position as a member of the PAC.

Arul Kanda was responding to Pua's challenge via his blog that they take part in a live talk show, with Pua posing the questions.

Agreeing with Mohamed Nazri, Datuk Liang Teck Ming (BN-Simpang Renggam), stressed that Pua should respect the parliamentary institution as "he is a PAC member and the 1MDB investigation is still ongoing".

In a statement distributed at the Parliament lobby today, Liang said no other parliament in the world would allow such a thing.

"Holding a live 'no holds barred' TV debate with one of the subjects of the parliamentary inquiry is an insult to Parliament.

"If this is a legal case, it is as good as a member of the jury or judge arguing with the accused on live TV before the court case," he said.

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