

**1MDB Debate: Better Wait Until Pac Submits Its Report – Pandikar  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia today said that the open debate on 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) issues cannot be held until after the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) submits its official investigation report to the Dewan Rakyat.

He said he had nothing against the proposed debate on the issues between the Petaling Jaya MP Tony Pua and 1MDB president and executive director Arul Kanda Kandasamy.

In fact, it is better if the debate is held after the PAC completes its investigation and submits its official statement to the Dewan Rakyat, he said at the Dewan Rakyat sitting here today.

Pandikar Amin said he was made to understand that the PAC report or statement on the investigation would be made available during the current Dewan Rakyat session.

The current session of the Dewan Rakyat which began on Oct 19 would end on Dec 3.

However, Pua had made an official withdrawal from the debate today after Pandikar Amin ruled that he (Pua) must relinquish his post as a PAC member or refrain himself from being involved in PAC's investigation into 1MDB if he wanted to continue with the open debate with Arul Kanda.

Meantime, Pandikar Amin also refuted the allegation that he had issued a gag order on Pua, who is a member of the PAC, from issuing any statement on 1MDB.

Instead, he said the ruling he made yesterday was to protect the integrity of PAC and the Dewan Rakyat.

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