

**Najib told to explain RM2.3 million for US firms in 1MDB solar project**  
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PKR today demanded Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to explain a RM2.3 million payment by Putrajaya to a US company and an American law firm, over a joint venture involving 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) to develop a solar power project in Kedah.

PKR's Kelana Jaya MP, Wong Chen said that declarations made by DuSable Capital Management LLC to the US Justice Department revealed that the Malaysian government paid RM2.3 million to DuSable for reimbursements in the joint venture, in which 1MDB is a limited partner.

Last week, Putrajaya denied there had been a joint venture between 1MDB and the Pennsylvania-based company on the project, despite DuSable's declaration otherwise to the Justice Department.

Wong today said that further records in the department's website showed that the RM2.3 million payment was also declared, with RM1.1 million of it being paid to a law firm in the US.

"The substantial amount of legal fees paid suggests that either an agreement had been concluded, or a lot of work was carried out to finalise an agreement," he told reporters at the Parliament today. – November 2, 2015.

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