

**No time frame for 1MDB probe irresponsible, says DAP MP
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The government should impose a deadline for the task force investigating 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) as it involves money, public interest and transparency in governance, said DAP lawmaker Gobind Singh Deo.

Gobind (pic, right) said it was irresponsible of the government not to do so, despite Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nancy Shukri's statement that the case involved many witnesses and documents.

"It is irresponsible of the government not to impose a time frame on the probe as this is an issue of public interest, transparency in governance and it involves a huge amount of money.

"There should be time limits imposed. If investigations cannot be completed for good reason, then time can be extended," said Gobind in a Facebook post today.

He added that the task force's report should be tabled in the Dewan Rakyat for debate, so that the public could scrutinise the extent and competence of the investigation.

Otherwise, there would be no public confidence in the task force and its findings, he said.

"It would therefore lose its purpose and be a waste of time and taxpayers' money," wrote Gobind.

In a written parliamentary reply, Nancy said no deadline was given for the task force's investigation as it involved many witnesses and documents, including from abroad.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali told The Malaysian Insider in an interview earlier this month that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) had until the end of the year to complete its probe into SRC International, 1MDB's subsidiary, as well as a RM2.6 billion donation received by Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Apandi said MACC was conducting the bulk of the investigation into 1MDB, while the police would only begin their probe after the auditor-general's report on the state investment arm was released. – November 30, 2015.

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