

PAC Report Finds PM Not Directly Involved With 1MDB Issue

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 7 (Bernama) -- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has examined all the evidence pertaining to 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and found that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is not directly involved with issues affecting the company.

PAC vice chairman Tan Seng Giaw said the prime minister's name was only mentioned during the joint investigation with 1MDB advisory board because Najib is chairman of the board.

"We are studying all this, we see that he was not directly involved, but his name was mentioned during the investigation with the 1MDB advisory board because he (Najib) is the chairman, after that no more mention. It mostly involved the management. It is a rule of law, you can not condemn a person until he is proven guilty," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby here, Thursday.

The PAC, which consists of Parliamentary members from Barisan Nasional (BN) and the opposition today, released the Governance Control Management Report on 1MDB.

The 106-page report among others recommend the authorities to investigate former 1MDB CEO Datuk Shahrol Azral Ibrahim Halmi and other related parties.

According to PAC, Shahrol should be responsible for the weaknesses and constraints in the management of the strategic investment firm owned by the government.

Commenting on the report, Tan (DAP-Kepong) said the relevant authorities should act against those responsible for the company's poor performance.

"We hope to find answers on where the offences are, and who is really involved in them, this has to be investigated," he said.

Meanwhile, Datuk Razali Ibrahim (BN-Muar) said it was unfair to involve Najib in issues involving the country's strategic investment firm.

"To me to put the PM (prime minister) as 'focal point' is not fair, the PM is also involved with many other companies in the country, such as matters relating to Petronas, and other GLCs, in a supervisory role or to make suggestions on good governance.

"The management is responsible, they have a chairman, a CEO there, but probably because the issue (1MDB) is widely debated in general, people only focus on 1MDB," he said.

Tan Sri Annuar Musa (BN-Ketereh) said the tabling of the PAC report proved that the issues which were of concern to the people have been taken note of.

While commending the PAC on a job well done, Annuar, who is also chairman of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), said the transparent report had finally corrected any invalid or inaccurate

information which had been widely discussed by various parties previously.

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