

No more OSA on A-G's 1MDB audit once PAC report tabled
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The Auditor-General's (A-G) final report on 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) will be declassified as an official secret once Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) own report on the state investment firm is tabled in the Dewan Rakyat, panel chairman Datuk Hasan Arifin says.

He said A-G Tan Sri Ambrin Buang had explained this to the bipartisan panel, which had been probing into 1MDB and scrutinising the auditor's report as part of its investigations.

"PAC wants to stress that the 1MDB audit report is only classified under OSA until the PAC report on 1MDB is tabled in Parliament.

"At today's meeting, Ambrin Buang explained that after PAC tables the 1MDB report in Parliament, the final audit report on 1MDB will no longer be a secret document under the Official Secrets Act 1972," Hasan said in a statement today.

Hasan added that the final audit report on 1MDB was directly tabled to the PAC in accordance with a Cabinet's directive a year ago for the A-G to study 1MDB's accounts.

The decision to classify the final audit report was the A-G's prerogative, Hasan added, as he had the legal authority to guard the audit department and PAC's credibility from information leaks.

"The people need not worry and must trust the recommendations and the conclusions of the PAC report over the administration of 1MDB that will be tabled at the Dewan Rakyat as it is the summary by the PAC members made up of BN and the opposition," he added.

Hasan added the audit report on 1MDB was being directly presented to PAC in accordance with the decision by Cabinet last March, which ordered the A-G to carry out an audit into the state investor.

He said as such, this was different from the A-G's Report that was tabled in Parliament every year, after which it would become a public document.

Hasan said that following this, the A-G's Report would then be tabled to PAC, which would select a few topics from it to be discussed in depth at panel meetings.

The topics discussed by PAC would then be tabled in Parliament as a public document.
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