

1MDB profits used for welfare projects too, says Najib

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PM says 1MDB's efforts should not be allowed to be destroyed by individual 'rubbish' assumptions.

PUTRAJAYA: Profits from 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) are used not only to sponsor pilgrims performing the haj, but also for other initiatives involving housing and educational aid worth hundreds of millions of ringgit, says Najib Razak.

The prime minister said the efforts of 1MDB, which saw part of the profits being used to develop the community, should not be allowed to be destroyed due to individual assumptions which he described as “total rubbish”.

In this context, the imam and chairmen of the Village Development and Security Committees (JKKK) as leaders who were close to the people at the grassroots level should correct and clarify the incorrect allegations concerning 1MDB.

“That is why, when someone criticises 1MDB, we as community leaders must understand.

“This is because part of the 1MDB profits is used for welfare projects, but this is not mentioned,” he said at the ceremony to hand over offer letters to perform the haj sponsored by 1MDB to 1,000 recipients here today.

Najib said the haj sponsorship special programme under the 1MDB foundation could be continued if the present government was retained in the future.

“I hope all of you who are performing the haj can pray that the country and national leadership can be retained for the continuity of welfare programmes that are being implemented,” he said.

Najib said contrary to the allegations by a handful of people including a former prime minister, 1MDB had sent 5,711 pilgrims with sponsorship amounting to RM57 million since the initiative was implemented five years ago.

At the event, Najib also announced a contribution of RM1,000, a pair of robes and free medical treatment for each of the pilgrims going on the haj.

The event was also attended by Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Jamil Khir Baharom and Lembaga Tabung Haji chairman Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim.

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