

## **MP wants special 1MDB panel set up**

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### **Nurul Izzah Anwar urges Barisan Nasional MPs to put loyalty to nation above loyalty to party and resolve issues surrounding 1MDB.**

KUALA LUMPUR: Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar wants an independent and bipartisan parliamentary committee to be established to fully and honestly resolve the 1MDB issue.

She urged the speaker of Parliament, Pandikar Amin Mulia, today to call for an emergency parliamentary session to create this body.

The PKR vice president also called on Parliament to fully disclose, through this committee, the previous Auditor-General's report on 1MDB, which, she said, had been "wrongfully" classified under the Official Secrets Act.

She said she wanted the committee to "expose and recover all stolen assets and misappropriated resources of the Malaysian people".

Writing on her website, Nurul Izzah said: "Parliament is the last bastion of accountability to expose the full extent of this gargantuan scandal and any hope of salvaging our funds as the Prime Minister (Najib Razak) already wields supreme authority and absolute control over the Attorney-General, the head of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the Inspector-General of Police.

"As such, the failure of Parliament to thoroughly investigate this clear breach and betrayal of public trust can only be interpreted as an acceptance by the ruling party and their partners of whatever crimes that have taken place under this government."

Malaysians, she said, must be clear about their complicity in this scandal.

"Parliament must ensure that all those who have stolen from our public investment funds are brought to justice and removed from any leadership role to prevent commission of more crimes in the future.

"The committee's investigation must clarify beyond all reasonable doubt the role of the Prime Minister, the Attorney-General, the Inspector-General of Police, and the head of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission if the government and its institutions are to retain any shred of confidence of the citizens of Malaysia."

Nurul Izzah called on members of Parliament from the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition to choose nation over party.

She urged them to put their accountability to the rakyat above their loyalty to “a failed government”.

“Now is the time to cure this epidemic of denial and collusion in the largest corruption scandal in the history of our nation. The issue of 1MDB is tarnishing the country’s image both in the eyes of Malaysians and the world, yet more and more each day BN MPs succumb to the disease of stubborn denial.

“The same parliamentarians responsible for the creation of this government and the administration of 1MDB must be courageous enough to address these serious allegations in order to remove this persistent stain on our governance, to stabilise Malaysia’s economy and to prioritise the lack of job opportunities and increased cost of living of our citizens.”

Nurul Izzah noted the latest US Department of Justice (DoJ) revelations and the denials of Attorney-General Apandi Ali and others of the alleged massive fraud.

She said former parliamentary opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim had, in 2010, warned about the utter lack of transparency and accountability of the 1MDB scheme, and that it was aimed at enriching certain people.

Anwar, she said, had also warned, in rejecting the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax, that the BN government would use this tax money to cover up its “wasteful spending and rampant corruption”.

This, said the daughter of Anwar, had been proven to be correct by recent developments.

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