

'Does Penampang BN head have access to development funds?'

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Penampang Volunteer Monitors' Movement head Jo Nandu urges Penampang BN chairman Donald Mojuntin to clarify issue.

PENAMPANG: A volunteer community movement here has demanded that Penampang BN chairman Donald Mojuntin confirm he has no access to the annual RM5 million funds for development meant for MPs.

Yesterday, Penampang BN secretary Pancratius Pudin dismissed a claim by Parti Warisan Sabah deputy president and Penampang MP Darell Leiking that the funds had been channelled to Mojuntin.

His denial came after the Daily Express quoted Leiking as saying the RM5 million allocation, given to all BN MPs, had also been channelled to Mojuntin.

Penampang Volunteer Monitors' Movement chairperson Jo Nandu today sought further clarification on the issue.

In a statement, he noted that Sabah Rural Development Minister Radin Malleh had stated that funds for the Moyog and Kapayan state constituencies, which come under the Penampang parliamentary constituency, had been released to the district officer.

He said the public wanted to know how these funds were utilised and under whose instructions.

He asked if the BN Penampang chairman played a role in how the district officer released these funds through the BN-appointed community development leaders (PPMs) in the district.

He also asked if the Penampang BN chairman could instruct the district officer to release funds for specific programmes in the district.

Jo added that he was disappointed that Mojuntin himself had not said anything but had instructed Pancratius to answer queries.

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