

## **Kit Siang: Will Hadi defend his deputy from Umno attack?**

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**Lim Kit Siang says there is no stronger proof that Hadi's PAS is not the PAS in Pakatan Rakyat than Umno's attack on Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man using Hadi's arguments.**

PETALING JAYA: The criticism of PAS deputy president Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man by Umno supreme council member Puad Zarkashi over the 1MDB issue has surprised Lim Kit Siang.

The DAP supremo said what made it out of the ordinary was that Puad had used the same arguments that PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang had made on the 1MDB issue to attack Tuan Ibrahim.

“An Umno propaganda operative using the PAS president to attack the PAS deputy president. When was there such a similar incident in the 66-year history of the party?”

“As far as I know, such a thing had never happened before in the history of PAS. Will the PAS president come to the defence of his deputy from such Umno attacks?” Lim asked.

Lim said Puad, who is also the director of the special affairs department (Jasa) – which is often criticised as being Putrajaya’s propaganda arm – had slammed Tuan Ibrahim for claiming that Malaysia’s refusal to pursue the 1MDB case prompted foreign countries to investigate the financial scandal that has spanned the globe.

Tuan Ibrahim was referring to the latest action by the United States’ Department of Justice in seeking to seize US\$540 million (RM2.3 billion) in assets including art works, jewellery, a yacht worth US\$165 million, and film rights purchased with funds allegedly embezzled from 1MDB, as well as other actions taken by the courts in Singapore and Switzerland, among other countries.

“Puad had argued that what paved the way for foreign powers were certain individuals lodging reports (against 1MDB abroad), with the intention of courting foreign intervention in the political conflict of our country.”

On June 24, Hadi said there were foreign powers that were only too happy to be given the space to settle Malaysia’s issues in their own courts of law.

“Let our own courts decide on our internal issues, no matter what the judgments are,” the Marang MP had said, adding that foreign powers wanted to seize the opportunity to prop up their own interests by compromising our country.

Pointing to the similarities in both statements, Lim said there is no stronger proof that “Hadi’s PAS is not the PAS in Pakatan Rakyat”.

“It is indeed sad and a great political tragedy that Umno and PAS have come together not to defend national sovereignty or promote the values and principles which are taught by Islam, but to defend a political system which has brought unprecedented infamy and ignominy to Malaysians worldwide,” Lim said.

The Gelang Patah MP also questioned why Hadi feels a country taking legal action over the alleged use of Malaysian taxpayers funds in their country is considered interference but not a donation from a Saudi prince.

“Why should it be wrong and grave foreign intervention to undermine Malaysia’s national sovereignty when the donation was from US sources but acceptable and enhancement of national sovereignty when it is from Saudi sources?” Lim asked.

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