

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *My last question, a news report that came out in Wall Street Journal yesterday, we know that we have got many records of payment to Aabar, and I think you have emphasized that on your previous meeting as proof that we paid for the options or as proof that we paid for the security deposit to IPIC. Is it true the allegations that the payment was made to an Aabar Investments PJS Limited which was set up in perhaps BVI or Seychelles, which is unrelated to Aabar itself?*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *Yang Berhormat, I think I would preface the answer by saying that Wall Street Journal has waged a very clear campaign against 1MDB and the government, started on the 2nd of July if you recall with the revelation of confidential banking transactions of the Prime Minister. On the 3rd of July there was a raid on SRC. On the 4th of July a Special Task Force was set up which until today we don't know who set it up, what were the terms of reference and what were the objectives of this task force.*

Frankly, I don't know how things happen that fast in Malaysia. To me it was quite a surprise. On the 8th of July, 1MDB was raided. So there was a very clear series of actions which in my personal view appear coordinated and planned for certain objectives.

Since then, Wall Street Journal has published numerous articles. They have not shown proof although they have said in their articles that they've had access and copies of the Auditor's General Interim Report as well as the Lampiran or the Appendixes to that report, so they have said it. Financial Times have said it, Sarawak Report have said it, that all of them have had access.

What was interesting Yang Berhormat about yesterday's Wall Street Journal article is that they claimed or they said that they have had access to a draft Auditor's General Report which mentions RM993 million. Now, in the Interim Report there was no mention of this RM993 million. Here they said they have seen the draft which could only mean the current final report, because the interim report is already completed and they mentioned this.

So, to me it raises a lot of concern on behalf of 1MDB because obviously information that we are submitting as part of a investigative process by lawful authority like Auditor General or lawful authority like PAC seemingly obvious to have ended up in third party hands who are not lawful authorities and who have come up with their own conclusions on these items. So, I'm in a difficult position because I'm negotiating with IPIC to settle our debt for asset swap. IPIC is very concerned with all these leaks of confidential documents which have compromised our negotiations and discussions.

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *You didn't answer the question. Did we pay money to Aabar Investments PJS Limited?*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *Yang Berhormat, I think what has come out as speculative newspaper article, I don't think it's suitable for me to explain that.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *You didn't pay money to Yang Berhormat Tony Pua, you don't say that is speculation, you said "I've never paid you any money". Did you pay money to Aabar Investments PJS Limited?*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *Yang Berhormat, in 2012 1MDB executed a series of agreements with Aabar Investments PJS Limited, I think the Auditor General's team have copies of those agreements. It was mentioned at the last meeting. And yes, funds were paid as part of those original agreements and subsequently amended agreements.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *So, the agreements were made with Aabar Investments PJS Limited?*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *I think JAN has the copies right? I think the last meeting they clarified that. Yes.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *Is Aabar Investments PJS Limited related to Aabar Investments PJS of Abu Dhabi?*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *As far as we are aware, yes Yang Berhormat.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *We made an agreement with them we should know whether they are or they are not, cannot be as far as we are aware.*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *Sorry Yang Berhormat, I missed that last point you made.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *My last point is, when we do an agreement, multibillion Ringgit or Dollar agreement with counter party, we need to know their full background. Cannot be "as far as we are aware". So, are they or are they not a subsidiary of IPIC or of Abu Dhabi government?*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *Yang Berhormat, again, our answers stand, as far as we aware, when we executed those agreements, that is the situation. It was linked to the guarantee Yang Berhormat, if you recall. The guarantee that was procured by IPIC.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *I understand it's linked to the guarantee. It's just I'm trying to figure out, the company that we signed the agreement with or made the payment to, is it in any way related to IPIC which is the sovereign wealth fund of Abu Dhabi? Because if it is not, then that's a clear case of potential fraud that is in the picture. If it is not, then I'm happy.*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *Yang Berhormat, I think, again talking about potential and speculating is what Wall Street Journal has done.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *It is also our responsibility to find out.*

Encik Arul Kanda Kandasamy: *That's right Yang Berhormat. I think the facts are 1MDB did procure the guarantee for the USD3.5 billion bonds. That guarantee has been in effect, it still is in effect, in return for the collateral payments that were made. So, that's a fact Yang Berhormat that it was collateral payments are linked to the guarantees as described in the agreements. So factually, that's what happened.*

Tuan Tony Pua Kiam Wee: *I won't pursue, but let me just put on record that the answers didn't answer my question. Thank you.*