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Media Statement on The False Allegation Made by Tan Sri Bakke Salleh at PAC Which Was Widely Circulated on Social Websites

As the chairman of PAC, I am aware of and regret for the wrong information spread by the media and social websites, which is a false allegation related to what was said by Tan Sri Bakke Salleh, the former Chairman of 1MDB in front of the Public Accounts Committee during the hearing session at PAC on 11 February 2016.

I can confirm that Tan Sri Bakke has never and at anytime, said that the 1MDB fund was transferred into the Prime Minister's personal account. This fact is consistent with the repeated public confirmation of the matter by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and Attorney General's Chamber.

PAC is a bipartisan parliamentary committee which is made up of experienced members of parliament from both government and opposition parties. It is now investigating 1MDB professionally and transparently based on the documentary evidence, interviews with the witnesses and audit outcome by the Department of Auditor General.

The conclusion made by PAC will be made as a public record. Therefore, we urge all quarters to stop unnecessary speculations and wait for PAC's official report which is to be submitted to the Parliament in March 2016.

Honourable Dato' Hasan Arifin
Chairperson of Public Accounts Committee
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