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**Media Statement by The Hon. Dato' Sri Hasan Arifin, the Chairman of
the Public Accountants Committee (PAC) Regarding the Tabling of The
PAC of the Parliament Report Management of University Acquisition:
National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM) under the Ministry of
Higher Education (MOHE).**

1. PAC today, has tabled a PAC Report on Management of University Acquisition: National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM) under the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE).
2. This issue is a finding by National Audit Department (JAN) in the tabling of Auditor-General's Report (LKAN) Year 20014 Series 2 tabled in the Parliament on 15 June 2015.
3. PAC held a proceeding regarding this issue, on 22 March 2017 represented by Chief Secretary KPT, Tan Sri Dr Noorul Ainur Mohd Nur and Datuk Dr Mohamed Fadzil Che Din, UPNM's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Alumni Welfare) representing the Vice-Chancellor of UPNM to clarify issues raised by JAN.

4. During the proceeding, members of PAC have raised the following issues:
 - i) No approval from the Local Authority (PBT) i.e. the Jelevu District Council for the construction works at the Kongkoi Camp in Jelevu, Negeri Sembilan.
 - ii) The quality of the construction works of Kongkoi Camp are not satisfactory.

5. Based on the proceeding, PAC summarises that
 - i) The Committee takes a serious view of the non-compliance and requests the KPT to strengthen and coordinate UPNM's financial and procurement management.

6. Following that, PAC recommends the Government to:
 - i) Set up a Special Investigation Committee investigating the non-compliance stated in the Auditor-General's Report (LKAN).
 - ii) The role of Internal Audit in each university should be strengthened to ensure that the implementation of procurement management at the university is organized.
 - iii) UPNM should use existing financial procedures in accordance with the Treasury Circular.
 - iv) MoHE should review all financial rules and procedures of universities to coordinate the financial affairs of the university.

7. Public who is interested of reading and reviewing the PAC Report on University Acquisition Management: National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM) under the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) can download the report on the PAC website at www.parlimen.gov.my/pac

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