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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 5 (BERNAMA) -- SEMANGAT 46 DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK RAIS YATIM AND FOUR OTHERS TODAY SUED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMED AND 11 OTHERS ALLEGING FRAUD CONCERNING THE SALE OF THREE COMPANIES BELONGING TO THE +OLD UMNO+ TO RENONG BHD FOR \$1.23 BILLION.

THEY CLAIMED THAT THE SALE OF FLEET GROUP SDN BHD, HATIBUDI NOMINEES SDN BHD AND UNITED ENGINEERS BHD WAS TAINTED WITH ILLEGALITY.

THEY SAID THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE 11 HAD IN APRIL CONSPIRED AND MANOEUVRED TOGETHER AND ENTERED INTO AN IMPORTANT TRANSACTION WITH DOUBTFUL VALIDITY TO DEFRAUD AND CHEAT OR DENY THEM AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE +OLD UMNO+ OF THEIR LEGITIMATE SHARES OF THE NET ASSETS OF THE +OLD UMNO.+

BESIDES DATUK RAIS, THE PLAINTIFFS ARE SEMANGAT 46 SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK SUHAIMI HAJI KAMARUDDIN, VICE-PRESIDENT MARINA YUSOFF, TREASURER DATUK MANAN OTHMAN AND VICE-PRESIDENT (WANITA) DATUK PADUKA RAHMAH OSMAN.

THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY FILED THE SUIT IN THE HIGH COURT HERE ON THEIR OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ABOUT 600,000 FORMER MEMBERS OF THE +OLD UMNO.+

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OTHER THAN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, THE DEFENDANTS ARE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, FINANCE MINISTER DATUK PADUKA DAIM ZAINUDDIN, AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID, ENCIK MOHAMED DESA PACHI, ENCIK ABDULLAH MOHAMED YUSOF, ENCIK HALIM SAAD, ENCIK ANUAR OTHMAN, ENCIK ZULKIFLI HUSSAIN, RENONG BHD, THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE AND FLEET HOLDINGS SDN BHD.

THE PLAINTIFFS ALLEGED THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, ENCIK GHAFAR, DATUK PADUKA DAIM AND DATUK SERI SANUSI, ACTING THROUGH THEIR NOMINEES, HAD FRAUDULENTLY AND UNLAWFULLY SIPHONED AND STRIPPED OFF THE ASSETS OF THE +OLD UMNO.+

BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY (THE PLAINTIFFS) AND THE OTHER FORMER MEMBERS OF THE +OLD UMNO+ HAD BEEN PUT INTO CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE, INCONVENIENCE, ANXIETY AND HAD SUFFERED LOSS, INJURY AND DAMAGE, THEY ADDED.

THEY SAID THE NOMINEES ARE ENCIK MOHAMED DESA, ENCIK ABDULLAH, ENCIK HALIM AND ENCIK ANUAR WHO ARE DIRECTORS OF FLEET GROUP AND ENCIK ZULKIFLI WHO IS A DIRECTOR AND SHAREHOLDER OF UNITED ENGINEERS AND HATIBUDI NOMINEES. ENCIK HALIM AND ENCIK ANUAR ARE ALSO DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF UNITED ENGINEERS AND HATIBUDI NOMINEES.

THEY CLAIMED THAT THE SALE OF THE COMPANIES +LOOK DISTINCTLY FRAUDULENT AND ILLEGAL.+ -- BERNAMA

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