

Sue Mahathir to clear name, Rafizi tells Najib

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PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli is one of many slapped with legal action by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak for alleged defamation.

And now, the Pandan lawmaker has challenged the premier to order his legal eagles to sink their talons into Dr Mahathir Mohamad, whose remarks have implied a link between Najib and the murder of Altantuya Shaaribuu.

"Mahathir's allegations are extremely serious and it goes to the very heart of government. At the very least, his allegations demolish Najib's credibility especially among Umno members.

"But more seriously it alleges complicity with misappropriation (in the case of 1Malaysia Development Berhad) and criminal conspiracy (for Altantuya murder)," he told Malaysiakini.

The PKR leader argued that the serious allegations would have required an investigation but this appears not be forthcoming based on the response of inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar.

Hence, Rafizi said the onus is for Najib to clear his name and the latter should seek legal recourse against the former premier.

"The best way is for him to sue Mahathir for defamation as the intention of the latter is to demolish Najib's credibility.

"Najib has sued other people for less (even for comments common citizens made about him in Malaysiakini).

"If he does not initiate legal action it will only strengthen Mahathir's claim," he added.

Last week, Mahathir sent shockwaves throughout the nation when he called for an investigation to determine who ordered the slaying of Altantuya, a case which has haunted the Najib administration since 2006 despite the prime minister's repeated denial of involvement.

Mahathir also warned that the numerous scandals revolving around Najib have resulted in people of all races losing faith and BN would be defeated in the next polls if the latter continued to helm the coalition.

Observers had noted that raising the Altantuya murder was the former premier's last card to pressure Najib, who has remained silent about the attack, to step down.

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