

**Najib's lawyer: No instructions to file suit against WSJ, ABC  
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Despite the damning accusations by *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) and Australian media the past few days against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak on the alleged 1MDB scandal, his lawyer Mohd Hafarizam Harun said he has not received any instructions to act or file suit against them.

For now, Hafarizam said, the instruction is to represent Najib on the RM2.6 billion suit filed last week by former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I have not received any instructions as of yet. The latest I'm asked was to represent Najib in the Mahathir vs Najib case," he told *Malaysiakini* in a text message.

Hafarizam, who is representing Najib in six other court cases, was asked whether he received instructions to take action against the Australian media and WSJ on their latest exposés.

Besides Mahathir's suit, the lawyer is acting for Najib in suits against *Malaysiakini*, PAS organ *Harakah*, Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua, PKR vice-president and Pandan MP Rafizi Ramli, former MCA president Dr Ling Liong Sik and Taiping MP Nga Kor Ming.

He is also acting for Najib in Anina Saadudin's suit against the Umno president, and PKR and Pakatan Rakyat's case against Najib over the RM2.6 billion donation purportedly used during the 13th general election.

The law firm of Hafarizam (*photo*) has written a letter of demand to WSJ last July, following its report on RM2.6 billion entering into Najib's personal accounts, but has not been instructed since then on whether to take action against the US financial daily.

This follows the lawyer's query on whether WSJ would use the 'Securing the Protection of our Enduring and Established Constitutional Heritage [\(Speech\) Act](#)' if a suit was filed. The Act makes it difficult for the jurisdiction of other countries to enforce judgments.

### **Alleged shopping spree**

Yesterday, WSJ reported on alleged [shopping sprees](#) of Najib and his wife Rosmah Mansor, during which they spent US\$15 million at stores in the United States, Malaysia, Italy and elsewhere between 2011 and 2014.

The US-based financial daily has, since July last year, alleged that a total of US\$681 million (RM2.6 billion) have been deposited into Najib's personal accounts in Ambank.

Najib has denied using public funds for his personal gain and blamed such allegations as out to tarnish him, with the aim of getting him to relinquish his prime minister's post.

Attorney-general Mohamed Apandi Ali, who replaced Abdul Gani Patail on July 28 last year, has also cleared Najib of any wrongdoing.

Three days ago, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) aired a documentary in its 'Four Corners' programme alleging that [large amounts](#) of money have entered into Najib's personal accounts, besides the RM2.6 billion.

It cited an unnamed "high-level source" claiming that banking documents reveal an extraordinary and steady flow of money into Najib's accounts between 2011 and 2014.

The funds, among others, include US\$75 million (RM301 million at today's exchange rates) purportedly came from a Saudi prince, while another US\$80 million (RM321 million) came from the Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Finance.

A further US\$120 million (RM482 million) supposedly came from an unnamed British Virgin Islands shell company.

All three transactions were reportedly made by June 26, 2012.

British wire service *Reuters* reported yesterday that the 1MDB probe or dragnet is catching the eyes of the authorities in [Luxembourg](#).

Last night, Najib's press secretary Tengku Sarifuddin Tengku Ahmad said in a press statement last night that WSJ has finally admitted that the billions of ringgit Najib received were indeed a Saudi donation.

Tengku Sarifuddin claimed the US publication had previously refused to acknowledge this, out of fear of [embarrassment](#), and noted that around US\$200 million out of over US\$1 billion in Najib's personal bank accounts came from Saudi Arabia.

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