

**Mystery shrouds company that allegedly received US\$44m from Najib
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Mystery seems to shroud a company which was revealed to have allegedly received millions from the bank accounts of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

Malaysiakini paid a visit to Solar Shine Sdn Bhd at its listed address at Plaza Mont Kiara, Kuala Lumpur to seek its response to the allegations, but the directory at the building's ground floor displayed the name of a different company - Steelwell Development Sdn Bhd.

The office located at the actual unit address is not Steelwell. Neither is it Solar Shine - the company which The Wall Street Journal had claimed in a March 31 report that some US\$44 million (RM142.8 million) from Najib's accounts allegedly went to the firm's coffers.

It is a company called IT Data Centre Sdn Bhd.

When met by Malaysiakini, the receptionist confirmed that the company was IT Data Centre, not Solar Shine.

This begs the question: Has Solar Shine been taken over by IT Data Centre or has it shifted to a new address?

Documents with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) revealed that all three companies are still in existence.

The trio share the same registered address - Taman Damai Utama in Puchong, Selangor - as well as the same business address at Plaza Mont Kiara.

Among the three, Steelwell Development was the first to be incorporated, on Oct 27, 1993, and deals with property development.

Solar Shine, registered on Feb 22, 2000, organises events, while IT Data Centre, incorporated on Aug 5, 2009, develops software and maintains portals respectively.

Solar Shine's old company name was Steelwell E-Software Sdn Bhd, but the name was changed in 2008 to its current name.

Same director and secretary

CCM checks also found that all three companies share the same director - Muhammad Zaki Ilias, as well as secretary, Chin Yuet Sin.

Zaki's appointment as director to Steelwell Development was made on Jan 7, 2008. He

became Solar Shine director in the same year in December, and was appointed director of IT Data Centre in August 2009.

Online searches on Zaki yielded no results as the 35-year-old seems to be relatively unknown.

Lew Chon Lai, on the other hand, is director for both Steelwell and IT Data Centre, while Mazlan Saidin is the other director for Solar Shine.

Solar Shine's summary of share capital showed that it is a RM2 company.

The Wall Street Journal claimed Solar Shine was used by BN to distribute free handouts such as food and stationery to voters around elections.

Malaysiakini had reported in 2011 that the shadowy 1Malaysia NGO – which makes an appearance during by-elections – was based at the same unit at Plaza Mont Kiara under Solar Shine.

1Malaysia NGO first emerged during at the Galas by-election campaign in Kelantan in 2010, with volunteers walking around in the predominantly Chinese majority areas handing out goodie bags.

Malaysiakini's repeated attempts to obtain a response from all three companies have been unsuccessful.

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