

## **Najib to file objection against bid to review OSA on 1MDB audit**

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and two others will file a preliminary objection against the application for judicial review filed by Mohamed Azmin Ali to challenge the auditor-general's decision to classify the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) audit report as an official secret.

This was conveyed to reporters by senior federal counsel Suzana Atan after the management of the case before High Court judge Hanipah Farikullah in chambers yesterday.

Suzana, representing the Prime Minister, auditor-general Amrin Buang and the Malaysian government as first, second, and third respondents, said the preliminary objection would be filed in the near future.

In the application filed on Aug 15, Mohamed Azmin sought a declaration that the first respondent's actions to classify the 1MDB audit report as an official secret was in [conflict of interests](#).

The Selangor menteri besar and PKR deputy president also sought a declaration that classification of the 1MDB report as official secret by the second respondent was unlawful and ultra vires the federal constitution, Official Secrets Act (OSA) and/or Audit Act 1957.

He also sought a mandamus order to compel all three respondents, their staff, officers, agents or by any means to immediately reclassify the 1MDB Report under Section 2C OSA 1972 and publish it for the public.

Mohamed Azmin filed the application on the grounds that the respondents' decision to classify the 1MDB report was unconstitutional as it contravened Article 107 of the federal constitution.

He claimed that the respondents' reluctance to reclassify the report was unreasonable.

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