

Najib, Zahid want to expunge Singapore court documents
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his deputy Ahmad Zahid Hamidi have applied to expunge approximately 100 pages of court documents on the proceedings against Yeo Jiawei in Singapore, describing it as hearsay.

The application was filed by lawyers from the firm of Hafarizam Wan Aisha and Mubarak last week, just before the Chinese New Year holidays.

This was disclosed by former Umno Batu Kawan division leader Khairuddin Abu Hassan's lawyer, Syed Iskandar Syed Jaafar Al Mahdzar (*photo*), during a case management before High Court senior assistant registrar Norasyida Abdul Rahman in Kuala Lumpur today.

The case management was on the suit filed by Khairuddin against Najib and Zahid for breaking their oaths of office.

Khairuddin, when met by reporters, said the application by the two is absurd as it involved a Commonwealth jurisdiction similar to Malaysia.

"It is illogical to claim court documents in Singapore to be hearsay and not as evidence, since it is tantamount to contempt of court," he added.

Guilty of tampering with witnesses

Yeo was sentenced to 54 months in jail by the Singapore court last July for money laundering and cheating charges linked to 1MDB. He had earlier been sentenced to 30 months in jail after being found guilty of tampering with witnesses.

Khairuddin, who is the Citizens' Declaration coordinator, on Sept 14 last year filed a suit against Najib and Zahid for violating their constitutional oaths of office before the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in misleading the public over the origin of the US\$681 million (RM2.6 billion), which supposedly were 1MDB funds.

The former Batu Kawan Umno vice-chief is seeking a court declaration that Najib and Zahid had violated their oaths under the Sixth Schedule of the Federal Constitution and therefore were unfit to hold their respective posts or any position in the cabinet.

In his statement of claim, Khairuddin alleged that sometime in March 2013, a sum of US\$681 million from 1MDB was deposited into Najib's bank accounts. However, the PM had, on various occasions, said the money came from an Arab donor.

Khairuddin claimed that the statement that the money came from an Arab donor was false to Najib's knowledge and that the money had come from Tanore Corporation Finance, a company controlled by Low Taek Jho (*photo*), who he claimed was Najib's agent.

Zahid had told the Dewan Rakyat, sometime in August 2015, that he had met the Arab donor or donors of the sum handed to Najib.

Hence, Khairuddin claimed that Zahid similarly violated the oath he had taken.

Khairuddin had submitted an affidavit with the Singapore court documents on Yeo's case last year, but unlike in former senator Ezam Mohd Noor's bid to adduce documents and judgment from the Singapore courts, it was filed on time.

On Jan 19 this year, Justice Nik Hasmat Nik Mohamad of the High Court in Kuala Lumpur dismissed Ezam's application to admit the Singapore court documents, ruling that it was filed out of time.

Najib and Zahid had also applied to the High Court in Kuala Lumpur to strike out Khairuddin's suit.

Syed Iskandar said as they are opposing Najib's application to expunge the Singapore court documents, they were told by the court today to file the affidavit in reply by March 16, and for the plaintiffs to reply by March 29.

The court, he added, fixed March 30 for case management before Justice Ahmad Zaidi Ibrahim.