

Banker: Rosmah's account received over RM1m between 2014-17

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A banker has testified that Rosmah Mansor's account received over RM1 million between 2014 and 2017.

During today's RM7 million money laundering and tax evasion trial against the wife of incarcerated former prime minister Najib Abdul Razak, Affin Bank's Nor Ashikin Abdullah said that there were 27 transactions involving RM1,098,200.

The bank's cash deposit machines recorded the transactions involving an account ending with 0058, she testified.

As Rosmah looked on from the dock, the first prosecution witness said that the deposits at the bank's branches at multiple locations took place between Oct 13, 2014 and June 8, 2017.

While reading out from a written witness statement, Ashikin said that the largest single-day deposit was RM62,350 at the bank branch in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, on Oct 7, 2015, while the smallest one was RM3,300 at the bank branch at LTAT,

Kuala Lumpur, on Dec 12, 2015.

She said among the other bank branches in Kuala Lumpur where the deposits were made included the Bangunan Getah Asli, Wisma Pertahanan, and Central bank branches.

Ashikin added that having held a position as Affin Bank's assistant manager for ATM service and support from 2009 until now, she said she has access to transaction records on the bank's nationwide cash deposit machines.

Judge K Muniandy is presiding over the criminal trial before the Kuala Lumpur High Court.

Deputy public prosecutor Poh Yih Tinn conducted the examination-in-chief of Ashikin. Rosmah was represented by defence counsel Geethan Ram Vincent and Firoz Hussein Ahmad Jamaluddin.

12 charges

Rosmah faces 12 money laundering counts involving RM7,097,750 and five charges of failing to declare her income to the Inland Revenue Board (IRB).

The offences were purportedly committed at Affin Bank Berhad, Bangunan Getah

Asli branch, ground Floor, 148 Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, between Dec 4, 2013, and June 8, 2017, and the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) office at Kompleks Bangunan Kerajaan, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim, KL, between May 1, 2014, and May 1, 2018.

The money laundering charges are framed under Section 4(1) (a) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act.

Section 4(1) of the Act carries a jail term of up to 15 years and a fine of not less than five times the value of the unlawful activity proceeds or RM5 million, whichever is higher.

The tax evasion charges under Section 77(1) of the Income Tax Act 1967 claim that Rosmah failed to furnish returns of her income for the 2013 to 2017 assessment years to the IRB director-general on or before April 30, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 without reasonable excuse, in contravention of Section 112 of the Act.

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