

**PAS lodges police report against PM**  
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PAS lodged a police report today against Prime Minister Najib Razak over the speech he had delivered at the break fast event with the Federal Land Development Authority (Felda) Serting settlers on Aug 26.

Jempol PAS deputy chief Abdul Rahman Razali made the report at Dang Wangi police district headquarters against two statements alleged to have been made by Najib.

"Najib said that they lost their court case against the 345 settlers at Felda Kemahang 3 in Kelantan because the lawyers were not present. This is an insult to the judiciary," PAS vice president Salahuddin Ayub told reporters after making the police report.

He claimed that Najib had also undermined the judgements of the Kota Bahru High Court, Court of Appeal and also Federal Court to award RM11 million in general damages and interest to the settlers.

The report also implicated Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Ahmad Maslan and Felda's Chairperson Yusof Nor, because they had both issued similar statements.

Holding firm to its innocence

Salahuddin added that the statement made by Ahmad Maslan that: "I would like to stress that the Federal Court ruling was not due to fraud or conspiracy committed by Felda as alleged by certain quarters," is overboard, rude and does not respect the court's decision.

"The judgement is made based on facts and it is not disputed. In fact, during the trial in the Court of Appeal and the Federal Court more than ten lawyers represented Felda and they have always appeared.

So Felda cannot blame the lawyers just because they are not present as an excuse for losing the case," he added.

He claimed that Najib also made a statement saying that Felda will make sure that they will win other similar suits in the future.

"This is a threat to the judges because he is speaking as prime minister. It is also an interference of the executive branch in the judiciary," he said.

Salahuddin also announced that PAS had formed a Special Committee to defend settlers (Tindak) headed by himself.

"We will bring up more issues faced by the settlers," he said.

On Aug 26, the federal \*court dismissed\* Felda's application to challenge the previous court's decision to award RM11 million to settlers because they were cheating the settlers over the grade of their oil palm fruit.

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With the decision, the settlers are expected to receive between RM25,000 and RM30,000 each.

The decision holds serious repercussions for Felda and the government as it has set a precedent for future suits filed by settlers.

A day later, Ahmad announced that Felda will \*sue their lawyers\* for failing to show up, thereby causing the agency to lose its suit against the settlers.

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Ahmad said that he feared the case would be misinterpreted by other settlers as the agency is now facing two other suits for manipulating oil palm grading.

The suits are from settlers in Felda Maokil, Pagoh and Felda Gugusan Raja Alias in Negri Sembilan.

He had stressed that the federal court ruling was not due to fraud or conspiracy committed by Felda.

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