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Opposition leaders file suit against Najib

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PETALING JAYA: PKR and several opposition leaders are suing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for alleged breach of election laws following the exposé by the *Wall Street Journal* that RM2.6bil was deposited into his personal accounts.

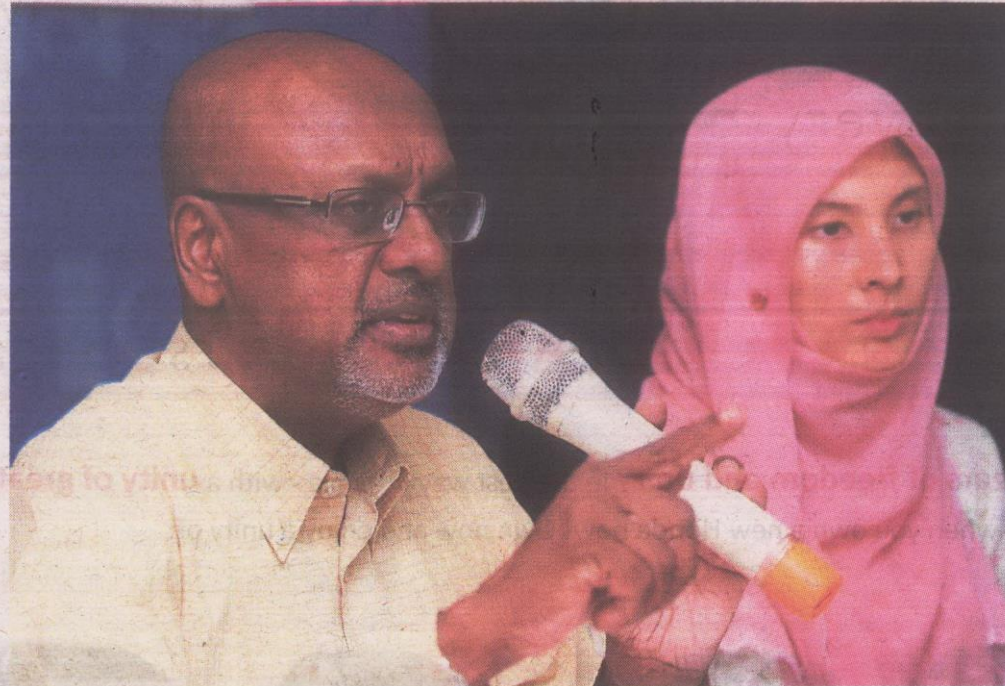
The suit was filed by lawyer Tommy Thomas at the Jalan Duta High Court registry yesterday.

The other plaintiffs are jailed former Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, former PAS MP for Kuala Selangor Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, former PKR MP Datuk Saifuddin Nasution, Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar and Batu MP Tian Chua.

The others named as defendants in the suit are Barisan Nasional secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, 1Malaysia Development Bhd and the Election Commission.

"We want to highlight that under Section 19 of the Election Offences Act, candidates are only permitted to spend no more than RM200,000 when contesting a federal seat and RM100,000 for state constituencies.

"We believe that the RM2.6bil exceeded the amount set by the



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Q&A time:
Subang MP R. Sivarasa addressing reporters during a press conference at the PKR headquarters in Petaling Jaya as Nurul Izzah looks on.

country's laws by 26 times," said Nurul Izzah, who is PKR vice-president, at a press conference yesterday.

Last month, the international business daily published an article quoting unnamed investigators that RM2.6bil flowed into Najib's personal accounts.

In the statement of claim, the plaintiffs said Najib had committed serious offences under the Anti-Money Laundering Act in that he breached provisions under various laws, such as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act, the Financial Services Act, the Exchange

Control Act and the Penal Code.

They contend that the RM2.6bil received and spent by Najib and Barisan in the 13th general election far exceeded the permitted expenditure of RM94.7mil.

At press time, the suit had not been served on the defendants.