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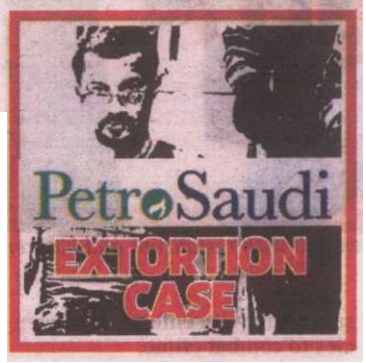

THE government will wait for an official report on former PetroSaudi International employee Xavier Andre Justo from the Thai authorities before mulling legal action against online blog Sarawak Report.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar were waiting for reports from the Royal Thai Police, who had apprehended the Swiss national for allegediy attempting to blackmail PetroSaudi over its deals wlth state sovereign fund, lMalaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

"I believe that the Thai police will inform our police in due time. When they provide us with confessions or clear evidence, we will make the decision.

"I don't want to precede the report from the Thai authorities," Najib said after chairing an Umno supreme council meeting here yesterday.

Justo was a former IT executive at PetroSaudi. He was arrested in Koh Samui on Monday.

He is being questioned for alleged attempts to blackmail PetroSaudi with conAdential information and tampered emails purportedly leaked to Sarawak Report.

Slngapore's *The Straits Times* on Thursday quoted Thai police as saying that Justo was arrested on the Thai resort island on Monday for seeking 2.5 million francs (RM10.09 million) from PetroSaudi in exchange for not disclosing conAdential company information.

Thai police have about two months to gather evidence against Justo, who has denied the allegations, the paper said.