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# 'Opposition figures should sue to prove innocence'

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**REASONING:** They always ask Najib to sue over 1MDB, says Raja Petra

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IF Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has to sue Clare Rewcastle-Brown over her claims on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) to prove his innocence, shouldn't opposition leaders do the same over allegations surrounding them, asked blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin.

Raja Petra said Sarawak Report, Aliran and other websites and blogs allied to Pakatan Harapan had challenged Najib to sue Rewcastle-Brown, the founder of Sarawak Report, about the so-called "exposes" and "revelations" regarding 1MDB that they had published.

"The (opposition's) argument is simple: if Najib is innocent, then sue

Clare. And, if Najib does not sue, then this means he is guilty, as alleged by Sarawak Report," he wrote on his blog, Malaysia Today, yesterday.

In the post titled "Pakatan Harapan Tok-Kok Asking Najib to Sue", Raja Petra said Najib could not sue Rewcastle-Brown under United Kingdom law.

"This has been explained many times before, but somehow, these people (the opposition) are either deaf or are pretending they do not know this."

Citing the same argument used by the opposition, Raja Petra questioned why former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal and others from the Anti-Najib Campaign did not sue to prove their innocence over allegations thrown against them.

"I mean, they (Dr Mahathir and his allies) *cabar* (challenged) Najib,



**Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad**



**Clare Rewcastle-Brown**



**Raja Petra Kamarudin**

and asked him to sue and say that if he does not sue, then that means he is guilty of all the allegations against him.

"However, all those others did not sue as well.

"The list of allegations against Dr Mahathir runs into pages, but Dr Mahathir did not file a single suit against all those people who alleged he had committed these crimes."

If the allegations against Dr Mahathir, Muhyiddin and Mukhriz were not true, why were they not suing the relevant parties, Raja Petra asked.

He said the opposition had to provide evidence to prove their claims that Najib had lied about 1MDB.

"There is only one allegation against Najib, and this is regarding 1MDB. Najib has denied those allegations, but they (the opposition) have not come forward with any evidence to prove that Najib had lied.

"Since they are making the allegation, then they need to prove it. Instead, they are asking Najib to

prove his innocence, which is not his job. For that one allegation against Najib regarding 1MDB, there are dozens of allegations against all those who oppose Najib.

"But, none of them has come forward to sue to prove their innocence. And yet, they insist that Najib sue to prove his innocence."

The latest round of attacks on Najib, Raja Petra said, was the opposition's attempt to divert public attention while it figured out what to do about the disaster it suffered in the Sarawak polls and the Sungai Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections, as well as Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's recent arrest and impending corruption trial.