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■ US CIVIL FILING TO SEIZE PROPERTIES LINKED TO 1MDB

# Najib: Those named must **bear** responsibility

> We take report by Department of Justice seriously, says PM

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Those whose names were mentioned by the United States Department of Justice (DoJ) in its recent civil filing over iMalaysia Development Bhd (iMDB) must take the responsibility for clearing their names.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said this following the action by the DoJ to seize assets linked to the state-owned iMDB.

"We look into the report by the DoJ seriously and we want those named to take the responsibility to clear their names.

"We hope that sooner or later the truth will be made known. Do not let ourselves be carried away in this matter. Let the due process of law run its course. The government will provide its full cooperation," he said in his speech at a programme to hand over offer letters to perform the haj to pilgrims, at Masjid Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin here yesterday.

The DoJ in a press conference last week announced the filing of two civil actions to seize properties worth US\$1 billion (about RM4 billion) linked to iMDB, which includes penthouses, a private jet and proceeds from a Hollywood movie, *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

Among those named in the filing were Najib's stepson Riza Aziz and businessman



Najib greeting some of the recipients of the haj sponsorship.

Low Taek Jho, or Jho Low.

Najib also expressed confidence iMDB would emerge even stronger following efforts being undertaken by its management.

"Inshaallah (God willing), I am confident and believe that in the near future, the position of iMDB will become even stronger and more robust," he said.

"As it gets stronger, more social programmes will be conducted, such as the haj pilgrimage programme (today)," he added.

Najib also voiced his disappointment over

the negative criticism of iMDB despite the company conducting many social programmes that had benefited the rakyat.

He said iMDB had assisted various groups, including fishermen and women, and spent millions of ringgit on those programmes.

At the event yesterday, 1,100 individuals received their offer letter to perform the haj, sponsored by the iMDB Foundation.

Najib said to date the haj programme, initiated in 2011, had managed to send a total of 4,611 pilgrims to Saudi Arabia.