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Dr M and two others sue Najib

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They want PM to pay RM2.6bil damages to Govt

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and two others are suing the Prime Minister for alleged misfeasance in public office.

They want the High Court to order the Prime Minister to pay RM2.6bil in exemplary damages to the Government.

Dr Mahathir, former Batu Kawan Umno division vice-chief Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan and former Langkawi Wanita Umno member Anina Saadudin want Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to pay RM42mil in aggravated damages to the Government.

They are also seeking any further relief deemed fit, suitable and lawful by the court.

They have named Najib as the sole defendant in the lawsuit filed at the High Court registry yesterday through their solicitor, Messrs Haniff Khatri.

In a statement of claim, the plaintiffs said Najib had carried out all the necessary acts to undermine, subvert and compromise the various respective institutions involved in the probe on the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandals and related companies, so as to

ensure that the findings and investigations on the allegations could not be properly, transparently and independently concluded.

The plaintiffs said that they had the legal right to bring the action as citizens of Malaysia.

They are seeking to declare that Najib has committed misfeasance in public office and breach of fiduciaries in public office by using his position as the Prime Minister, chairman of Barisan Nasional and Umno president.

Besides that, the plaintiffs want the court to declare that Najib has

committed misfeasance in public office in taking steps to unjustly punish them for merely having performed their constitutional and lawful rights to question and demand answers to the allegations of serious financial impropriety concerning 1MDB and other related companies.

They highlighted events such as the removal of two Cabinet ministers and former Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail and the appointment of the new A-G Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali to support their claims over alleged interference with ongoing investigations

over the 1MDB issues.

Khairuddin and his lawyer Matthias Chang were charged at a magistrate's court on Oct 12 last year for allegedly attempting to sabotage the banking and financial services in the country.

The claim stated that Anina was a member of Umno until her alleged expulsion from the party on Sept 2 last year.

A High Court had on Dec 31 last year struck out a civil suit filed by Anina against Umno's two office bearers on a "political donation" of RM2.6bil for the benefit of the party.

The High Court had ruled that her suit was "clearly and obviously not maintainable in law".