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# Suit against 1MDB, 3 others dismissed

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The class action suit filed in the United States by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's former political secretary, Matthias Chang, and former Pas vice-president Datuk Husam Musa against four parties has been dismissed.

The suit, against 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), Goldman Sachs, film producer Riza Aziz and his company, Red Granite Pictures, was filed on Aug 11.

It was learnt that the suit was dismissed on Friday afternoon.

According to US entertainment portal The Hollywood Reporter, Chang and Husam had moved to voluntarily drop the suit without prejudice.

However, no reason was given for the dismissal.

The duo had, in the suit, alleged that funds from state investment fund 1MDB had been used to produce the movie *The Wolf of Wall Street*, produced by Red Granite Pictures.

Despite the dismissal, it was reported that the US Department of Justice was still investigating the film's funding.

Red Granite Pictures, in a brief statement issued after the suit's dismissal, said: "Dismissing this frivolous suit was the right thing to do because it never should have been filed in the first place.

"Red Granite continues to work on exciting new projects."

Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak questioned why *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) and other Western media outlets had yet to report on the suit's dismissal.

"This suit by Dr Mahathir's henchmen generated global news and controversy when it was filed on Aug 11.

"But, strangely, WSJ and other Western media haven't reported that yesterday (Friday), the suit was dismissed," he said yesterday.

"The reality is that the suit was baseless from the start; a pure publicity stunt to manipulate public perception."



**Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak** questions why *'The Wall Street Journal'* has not reported on the dismissal of a suit filed by **Matthias Chang** (right) and **Datuk Husam Musa**.

He said the suit was "based purely on allegations made in the US Department of Justice civil complaint and on the false smear published by WSJ".

"It must be frustrating for Dr Mahathir, as each of his attempts to subvert Malaysia's democracy has failed. They will continue to fail.

"One of the hallmarks of a true leader is knowing when to quit quietly."

Salleh said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's real record had been stated by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation director-general Irina Bokova.

He said Bokova had praised the country's firm stance against violent extremism through inclusion and education, which Unesco deemed as being the most effective long-term prevention against forces threatening to divide societies.

Bokova, he said, had also praised Malaysia as "an example to countries of all income levels".

Salleh said the government would not be distracted by Dr Mahathir's "increasingly desperate attempts".

"The prime minister will continue to serve the people, and prioritise their security, safety and prosperity."