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Najib facing jail time over 1MDB scandal

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Fall from Grace

Najib, who was at the peak of his popularity in 2009-2010 for cash aids and subsidies to all Malaysians, fell to the lowest point in his fame right before and after the 14th federal polls.

News about his failure to notice the financial wrongdoings in 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) and of supporting several dubious transactions involving billions of ringgit into several accounts — including his personal bank accounts — were well spread among voters before the polls, aided by social media platforms.

After losing power and an in-depth investigation by the authorities, Najib was charged for various offences related to the troubled sovereign state fund 1MDB, including money laundering and abuse of power when he was the PM and finance minister between 2009 and 2018.

Among cases filed against Najib include 25 charges of graft and money laundering relating to transactions amounting to RM2.6 billion linked to 1MDB under the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001.

Rosmah was formally charged with dozens of offences including money laundering and pocketing millions to secure projects for private companies.

Besides the duo, other members of Najib's Cabinet also face corruption charges including former deputy PM Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, former Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid and former Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.



Najib currently faces multiple criminal charges including fraud and abuse of power