

Millions transferred before Najib closed 3 bank accounts

Najib issued 14 cheques to various beneficiaries including Penang Umno liaison and Johor Baru Umno, among others

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A BANK manager testified that Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak closed three bank accounts about a month after the former prime minister (PM) transferred millions to other beneficiaries.

The prosecution's 21st witness R Uma Devi, a manager at AmBank Group's branch in Jalan Raja Chulan, said Najib had received three tranches of fund — RM10 million on July 8, 2014, RM1 million (July 23, 2014) and RM3.5 million (Feb 11, 2015) into one of the three accounts closed.

She revealed the transfers of RM10 million (Aug 21, 2014), RM1 million (Aug 28, 2014) and an amount more than RM3.4 million (Feb 11, 2015) from the particular account.

Uma continued to reveal the transactions related to the former PM's account on the ninth day of Najib's SRC International Sdn Bhd trial.

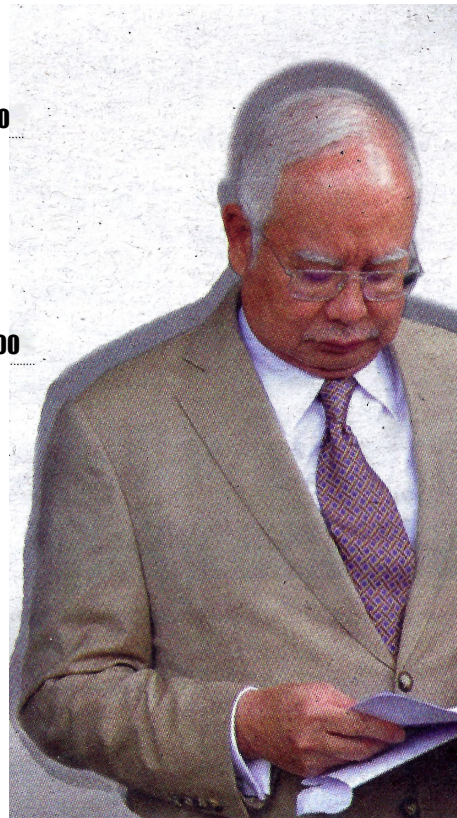
She said RM10 million and RM1 million were transferred into Najib's other account,

SRC International Trial

Fund transactions by Najib Razak

Transfer to

- **Ihsan Perdana Sdn Bhd: RM20,000,000**
- **Hafarizam Wan & Aisha Mubarak: RM3,500,000**
- **Zulqarnain & Co law firm: RM2,500,000**
- **UMNO Penang: RM1,000,000**
- **Party UPKO: RM1,000,000**
- **Solar Shine Sdn Bhd: RM1,000,000**
- **Rumah Penyayang Tun Abdul Razak: RM400,000**
- **Centre for Strategic Engagement: RM300,000**
- **UMNO JB: RM300,000**
- **Vital Spire Sdn Bhd: RM240,000**
- **Tan Sri Lim Soon Peng: RM238,914**
- **Modify Storage Room: RM100,000**
- **Home water tank: RM77,300**
- **MOZ Malaysia Sdn Bhd: RM56,500**
- **UMNO Padang Serai Division Chief: RM50,000**
- **Window of former secretary : RM13,800**



while he issued a RM3.5 million cheque to legal firm Messrs Hafarizam Wan & Aisha Mubarak on Jan 21, 2015.

This particular account was closed on March 9, 2015, with a

balanced amount of RM721.57, which was then transferred into Ihsan Perdana Sdn Bhd's AmBank account.

The other two bank accounts were also closed

on March 9, 2015.

In one of the two accounts, Najib received RM27 million (July 8, 2014), RM27 million (from Ihsan Perdana/Dec 26, 2014) and RM10 million (from

Ihsan Perdana/Feb 10, 2015).

From this particular account, RM27 million was transferred out on Dec 29, 2014, to Permai Binaraya Sdn Bhd.

Najib's third account, which was also closed, had received six tranches of funds — ranging from RM1 million to RM10 million between July 8, 2014, and Feb 10, 2015.

Najib issued 14 cheques to various beneficiaries including Penang Umno liaison (RM1 million), Johor Baru Umno (RM300,000), Asmadi Abu Talib (RM50,000), trustees of Rumah Penyayang Tun Abdul Razak (RM400,000) and Lim Soon Peng (RM238,914).

Uma confirmed that the three accounts were closed on March 9, 2015, with a cumulative balance of more than RM103,000. The balance was then transferred into Ihsan Perdana's account via a cheque.

Transactions related to the accounts were largely executed under the instructions from the authorised personnel Nik Faisal Ariff Kamil.

These accounts were also managed by AmBank relationship managers Joanna Yu Ging Ping, Krystle Yap Wy Sze and Daniel Lee.

Uma was asked on the possibility of any errors related to the accounts.

"Did the account holder notify any errors, discrepancies, irregularities, unautho-

aised withdrawals, debits, fraudulent transactions or entries made with a lack of mandates in any of the statements relating to the three accounts?" the prosecutor asked Uma.

She replied: "To my knowledge and records that I have, No."

During the cross-examination, the defence grilled Uma on the "discrepancies" seen for Najib, Nik Faisal and former SRC International director Datuk Suboh Md Yasin's signatures on some of the soft and hard copies of instruction letters.

The defence, among others, questioned about the differences in the size of the signatures between the soft and hard copies of instruction letters.

Soft copies were technically scanned documents.

"I cannot comment. For a banker, they all looked the same." Uma said.

She also informed the court that Yu, Yap and Lee had left the bank.

She also said SRC International has one foreign currency account besides two current accounts.

Meanwhile, the defence highlighted a reporting error by *MalaysiaKini* on facts established from a previous proceeding. The trial adjourns until Monday.