

# BNM raids AmBank branch

## Eight folders on Najib and SRC accounts seized, court told

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Bank Negara raided an AmBank branch just four days after the *Wall Street Journal* broke a story about an investigation into 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) where nearly US\$700mil (RM2.88bil) were believed to have been channelled into Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal accounts, the High Court heard.

BNM manager Azizul Adzani Abdul Ghafar, 41, said he and three other officers carried out the raid at the AmBank building in Jalan Raja Chulan here on July 6, 2015, to seize documents related to bank accounts belonging to the then prime minister and SRC International Sdn Bhd.

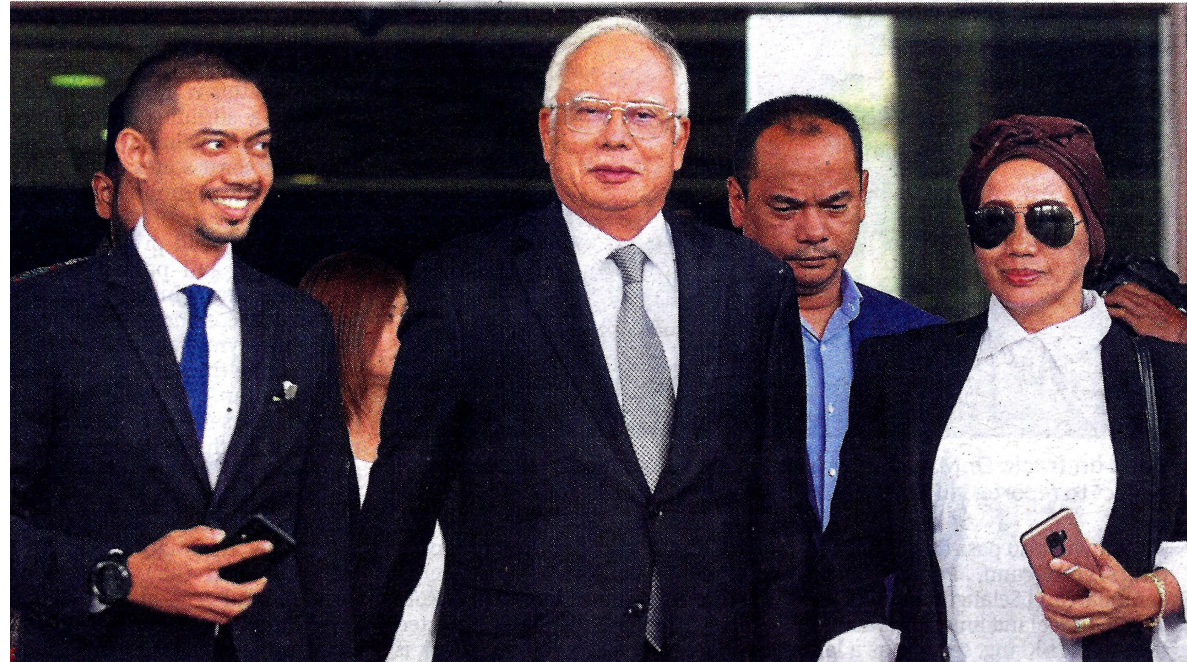
It was part of an investigation under Section 4 of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act (Amlatfapuaa) 2001.

Azizul Adzani, the second prosecution witness, said he gave branch manager R. Uma Devi a verbal list of accounts that needed to be investigated during the raid.

The manager complied with the request and provided the information.

The evidence obtained included four folders of documents related to opening of Najib's accounts, three more folders with documents for opening of SRC International's accounts and one folder for opening an account for a subsidiary of SRC International, Gandingan Mentari Sdn Bhd.

The eight folders were recorded under a search list of evidence



**In the dock:** Najib leaving the Kuala Lumpur Courts Complex during a break from the SRC International Sdn Bhd funds corruption trial.

seized for the money laundering investigations.

Azizul Adzani confirmed the seized documents in court yesterday.

The accounts mentioned were the same as Najib's accounts through which he was charged with receiving RM42mil in illegal funds on July 8, 2014.

Azizul Adzani also told the court that he handed the files over to the investigating officer Ahmad Farhan Sharifuddin the next day on July 7, 2015.

After the witness had completed his testimony during the examina-

tion-in-chief, lawyer Harvinderjit Singh asked for the proceedings to be adjourned for a while to allow the defence to examine and rearrange the eight folders.

The proceedings was duly adjourned for more than an hour.

When the hearing resumed, ad hoc prosecutor Datuk V. Sithambaram informed the court that the prosecution needed time to make copies of the documents.

Justice Mohd Nazlan Mohd Ghazali reminded the prosecution to ensure such a delay would not happen again and adjourned the

case until this morning.

Najib is facing seven charges involving RM42mil in funds belonging to SRC International.

On July 4 last year, Najib claimed trial to a charge of abuse of power and three counts of criminal breach of trust linked to the 1MDB scandal.

He allegedly misappropriated RM42mil in funds belonging to SRC International.

On Aug 8 last year, he appeared in court for the second time and was charged with three counts of money laundering involving the same RM42mil.