

Najib did not act against bank

Witness says former PM also never questioned source of funds in accounts

KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak has never filed a civil suit against AmBank for wrongful use of funds in his three accounts, the High Court heard yesterday.

The bank's former relationship manager, Joanna G.P. Yu, 48, said this during cross-examination by ad hoc prosecutor Datuk V. Sithambaram on the 49th day of Najib's trial in relation to the misappropriation of RM42 million of SRC International funds.

Sithambaram: When the accounts were closed, was there any lawsuit filed against the bank for wrongful utilisation of funds in the accounts?

Yu: None.

Sithambaram: These accounts involved large sums of money. Has there been at any time any query from Najib on the conduct of the accounts?

Yu: No, there was never any query or complaint made.

NAJIB'S SRC TRIAL

THE CHARGES
Seven charges of CBT, **abuse of power and money laundering** involving **RM42 million** belonging to SRC International Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of **1MDB**.

THE JUDGE
Justice **Mohd Nazlan Mohd Ghazali**

THE PENALTY
Jail term of up to **20 years**, **fine** or **whipping**.

THE PROSECUTION TEAM
Led by **Tommy Thomas** (Attorney-General)

THE DEFENCE TEAM
Led by **Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah** (lead counsel)

Sithambaram: To the best of your knowledge, was there any allegation of cheques issued from Najib's accounts not issued by him?

Yu: No.

The witness added that there was no query from Najib on the source of the funds deposited into the accounts, Bernama reported.

Sithambaram: What was your business to take Jho Low's instructions or cheques to ensure Najib's cheques did not bounce?

Yu: At the time, the accounts were that of the prime minister of Malaysia. For a prime

minister to have his cheque declined, I think would be an embarrassment. That was what was in my mind at the time.

Earlier, during cross-examination by Najib's counsel Harvinderjit Singh, the witness denied that she was covering up for fugitive businessman Low Taek Jho, also known as Jho Low.

Harvinderjit: Are you trying to cover up for Jho Low?

Yu: No.

Harvinderjit: You have been in communication with him over the past few days?

Yu: No.

The witness also said she did not know whether or not Jho Low was a dishonest person.

Yu, who is currently unemployed, said she took AmBank to the Industrial Court when the bank asked her to leave.

"I filed a complaint with the Industrial Court There was a case mention," she said.

Najib, 66, is facing three counts of criminal breach of trust, one count of abusing his position and three counts of money laundering involving SRC International funds amounting to RM42 million. The hearing before Justice Mohd Nazlan Mohd Ghazali continues.