

Najib: I didn't know about RM32mil transfer

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak told the High Court he had no knowledge of RM32mil being transferred into his personal bank account.

The 66-year-old Pekan MP said this was because his account was managed by a third party, who would have informed him if there was any suspicious transaction.

"I did not manage my own account. They who managed my account should know better," he said during cross-examination by ad hoc prosecutor Datuk V. Sithambaram on the transaction.

The bank, he added, should have informed him as the account holder if such a suspicion arose.

Sithambaram also questioned

Najib's failure to lodge a police report over his allegation that his signature had been forged in several documents relating to the trial.

The prosecutor described the forgery allegation as an afterthought that was raised only during the defence stage, which Najib denied.

Sithambaram: You agree with me that when your signature is forged in any document, you should lodge a police report.

Najib: I only found out that there was a probability my signature was forged during the case.

Sithambaram: That's not my question. Would you make a police report?

Najib: That is why we want to call an expert first to examine the signature, after which we would make a

police report.

The prosecutor suggested that Najib's application to call a document expert was an attempt to "bolster untruthful event" of forgery, to which Najib disagreed.

Sithambaram: So after sitting in court and hearing the cross-examination, you decided to say your signature was forged.

Najib: I disagree.

Sithambaram: You never said you had doubts (when you confirmed your signature with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) because the forgery issue only came during the defence stage.

Najib: I disagree. At that time, I thought it was my signature.

Sithambaram: So it could be your

signature or it could not be your signature.

Najib: Yes.

Sithambaram: You're not sure if it's forgery so you need an expert to confirm.

Najib: Yes.

Sithambaram: I put it to you - that the only person that can verify your signature is you.

Najib: I disagree.

Najib is facing seven charges - three for criminal breach of trust, one for abuse of power and three for money laundering involving SRC International Sdn Bhd funds totalling RM42mil.

The hearing before Justice Mohd Nazlan Mohd Ghazali continues today.