

# Najib seeks data linked to Zeti

## Notice of motion filed to compel disclosure of banking documents

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is seeking to compel the prosecution in the RM2.28bil 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) trial to disclose banking documents which he claimed to be linked to former Bank Negara governor Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Abdul Aziz.

His legal team filed the notice of motion at the High Court yesterday.

In the notice, Najib wants the

prosecutor, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Bank Negara or any other entities having custody, care and control of the documents to produce to him, among others, account statements between the year 2008 and 2020 for several companies.

They are Aktis Capital Singapore Private Ltd, Country Group Securities Public Company Ltd, ACME Time Ltd (BVI), Butamba Investment Ltd, Central Holding Ltd, Iron Rhapsody Ltd, Cutting Edge Industries Ltd, and Sherman

and Sterling LLC.

Other documents sought are the register of directors for the companies mentioned, emails, telegraphic transfers, remittance form, payment advice, transaction report, payment order, credit advice and bank memos.

In the supporting affidavit affirmed by Najib, he claimed that two of the companies, Cutting Edge and Iron Rhapsody, were said to be linked to Zeti's husband Datuk Dr Tawfiq Ayman and her two sons.

The Pekan MP said the docu-

ments he sought were vital to his defence in the 1MDB trial.

"Zeti is listed as a witness in the 1MDB trial. As such, the bank documents are very relevant to my defence and the cross-examination of Zeti and other prosecution witnesses pertaining to her credibility and her independence as the erstwhile Bank Negara governor is relevant to the period in relation to my charges," he said.

Najib also said the suppression of the bank documents would misrepresent the truth and a breach to his

fundamental liberties, his right to fair trial and right to be equal before the law as provided under the Federal Constitution.

When contacted, Deputy Public Prosecutor Ahmad Akram Gharib confirmed that the prosecution had received Najib's application.

The motion is fixed for case management tomorrow.

Najib, 68, is facing four charges of abusing his position to obtain gratification totalling RM2.28bil in 1MDB funds and 21 counts of money laundering involving the same money.