



**A day at the court:** Najib leaving the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex at the end of the day's the 1MDB trial. — Bernama

# Witness: Over RM45.8mil transferred to Najib's private account in 2014

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The High Court was told that more than £8.7mil was converted into over RM45.8mil and transferred into a private client's bank account belonging to Datuk Seri Najib Razak between Oct 21 and Dec 19 in 2014.

Prosecution witness Salmah Daman Huri, 50, testified in the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) trial involving the former prime minister that a total of £8,706,021.92 was converted into RM45,837,485.70 and banked into an AmBank account bearing the number 2112022011880 in five transactions.

Salmah, who is AmBank's treasury operation department vice-

president, said the foreign exchanges were transfers from Vista Equity International Partners into the account ending 1880 under the name AmPrivate Banking 1MY.

The witness said she did not know who owned the 1880 bank account as details of the private client was kept confidential at that time.

During cross-examination by Najib's lawyer Wan Aizuddin Wan Mohamed, Salmah said that she only found out it was Najib's account when she gave her statement to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) when the 1MDB investigations started.

Aizuddin: The AmPrivate 1MY (account 1880), do you know the identity of the account holder?

Salmah: During the transactions,

I did not know.

Wan Aizuddin: You only knew after the investigation?

Salmah: Yes, through the investigation officer.

To a question by deputy public prosecutor Najwa Bistamam, Salmah said that her department never received any report or complaint from Najib regarding the high volume of foreign exchange transactions.

Najib is on trial for 25 charges in total – four for abuse of power that allegedly brought him financial benefit to the tune of RM2.28bil; and 21 for money laundering involving the same amount of money.

The hearing continues before Justice Collin Lawrence Sequerah today.