

**AMBANK ACCOUNT OPENED FOR THIS**

# 'NAJIB GOT FUNDS FROM SAUDI ARABIA'

Prosecution witness also confirms that ex-PM told 1MDB investigators this

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**A**N investigating officer yesterday confirmed that Datuk Seri Najib Razak had indeed received millions of ringgit in funds from a Saudi prince and the Saudi government in 2011.

Police Anti-Money Laundering Criminal Investigation Division assistant director Assistant Com-

missioner Foo Wei Min said this when testifying in Najib's corruption trial for misappropriating funds belonging to 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

Najib's lead counsel, Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah had said several transactions in his client's account were recorded as coming from Saudi Arabia, which the witness agreed.

He said this was in line with the defence contention that Najib had opened the account at Am-

bank as he was expecting donations to come from the middle eastern country.

Shafee: Najib opened this account in order to receive a donation from Saudi, which was indicated to him during his meeting with King Abdullah.

Foo: Yes.

Shafee: The first seven transactions in this account. It was recorded as coming from Saudi Arabia and consistent with his (Najib's) claim regarding the donations.

Foo: Yes.

The 48th prosecution witness also confirmed that the former prime minister, during the probe,

informed the investigators that he had been expecting donations from Saudi Arabia.

On Sept 18, a Bank Negara Malaysia analyst Adam Ariff Mohd Roslan, 29, also testified that Najib received over RM60.6 million from a Saudi prince between Feb 23 and June 13, 2011.

However, the analyst believed that the account was a "pass-through" account to transfer money belonging to 1MDB.

Adam said Good Star Ltd, an entity owned by Low Taek Jho, had previously sent millions in funds to the same account in Riyadh Bank purportedly owned by Prince Faisal.

The 47th prosecution witness testified that Low through Good Star received US\$810 million belonging to the strategic development firm in a span of three years.

He disclosed that 1MDB had transferred US\$700 million and US\$110 million into the Royal Bank of Scotland Courts account belonging to Good Star in 2011.

Najib, 70, is facing four charges of using his position to obtain bribes totalling RM2.3 billion from 1MDB funds and 21 charges of money laundering involving the same amount.

Hearing before presiding judge Datuk Collin Lawrence Sequerah continues.