

NAJIB SPENT RM80,000 ON SUPPLEMENTS'

Court told ex-PM had fear of getting leukaemia, so he used what he thought was 'donated money' for treatment

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DATUK Seri Najib Razak had spent RM80,000, which he claimed to have received from the Saudi royalty, on supplements and vitamins to prevent leukaemia five years ago, the High Court heard.

Federal police Anti-Money Laundering Criminal Investigation Division assistant director Assistant Commissioner Foo Wei Min said this during cross-examination by Najib's lead counsel, Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah.

Shafee, at the outset of the proceedings yesterday, pointed out that the RM80,000 payment from Najib's account to Vital Spire Sdn Bhd was meant for supplements.

The senior lawyer read out excerpts from Najib's statement stating that the latter took the supplements for his general health and as a preventive measure because his father, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, had died of leukaemia.

In the statement, the former prime minister said he had "this fear as a prime minister and if he had a similar situation like Tun Razak, he would not be able to carry on with the administration of the country, so he wanted to

prevent this (leukaemia)".

SHAFEE: Do you recall, Najib told you the total cost for that medicine was about RM1 million or less, and that he could have taken this treatment from the government. But he did not want to burden the government, so he took it from money that he thought were donations. Do you remember?

FOO: I think he did mention that.



The 48th prosecution witness also verified various transactions involving Najib's account, such as RM9 million payment to Zeal Hi-Tech Solutions Sdn Bhd for goodie bags and souvenirs for Umno members, RM9 million to textile retailer Jakel Trading for a charity programme in Pekan, as well as payments to political parties.

Shafee later suggested that his client was not a kleptocrat as he did not use the money for personal gain, to which Foo said he was not in a position to comment.

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

Hearing continues before presiding judge Datuk Collin Lawrence Sequerah.