

NAJIB UNSURE HOW SAUDI ROYALTY GOT HIS BANK INFO

Ex-PM does not rule out possibility that Jho Low shared it

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DATUK Seri Najib Razak yesterday expressed uncertainty over how Saudi royalty obtained his private account number to remit millions in funds.

The former prime minister did not rule out the possibility that fugitive businessman Low Taek Jho, or Jho Low, may have shared the details with the Saudis.

He said this under cross-examination by prosecutor Kamal Baharin Omar in his trial for misappropriating billions of 1Malaysia Development Bhd funds.

Najib has maintained that the funds he received in his AmIslamic account was a political donation from the late King Abdullah Abdulaziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia in 2010.

Kamal Baharin: How did the sender know your account number?

Najib: I am not sure.

Kamal Baharin: Did you ask?

Najib: I did not ask.

Kamal Baharin: This is your personal account. How did other people know?

Najib: I do not know. Maybe Jho Low shared (my details).

In yesterday's proceedings, Najib said King Abdullah promised him financial support during a private meeting 15 years ago.

He based this claim on four letters from the Saudi royalty, issued between Feb 1, 2011, and June 1, 2014, promising donations of US\$100 million, US\$375 million, US\$800 million and £50 million.

The letters were addressed to Najib's residence in Jalan Langgak Duta in Kuala Lumpur.

Najib, 71, is facing four charges of using his position to obtain bribes totalling RM2.3 billion from 1MDB funds and 21 charges of laundering the same amount.

Hearing before judge Datuk Collin Lawrence Sequerah continues.