

Felda Applies For Default Judgment Against PKR Secretary-General
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 18 (Bernama) -- The Federal Land Development Authority (Felda) has applied for a default judgment against Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail for failure to file a memorandum of appearance in court in a defamation suit.

Felda filed the application at the High Court here on April 5 and served it on Saifuddin three days later.

Its counsel, Datuk Mohd Hafarizam Harun, told reporters that Justice Lee Heng Cheong fixed April 30 for mention in his chambers today to enable Saifuddin, who was represented by counsel S.H Tan, to file his affidavit in reply.

On Jan 7 Felda filed the defamation suit against National Felda Settlers' Children's Association (Anak) president Mazlan Aliman, PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali, Saifuddin and four others over a statement regarding the sale of crude palm oil to Israel.

The other four are Harakah editor-in-chief Ahmad Lutfi Othman, editor Taufek, the author of the article, Mohd Arif Atan, and Harakah printer Angkatan Edaran Ent Sdn Bhd.

In its statement of claim, Felda claimed that Mazlan had uploaded a defamatory statement in his Facebook page on Nov 19 last year and made a defamatory statement at a gathering in front of the Felda office four days later.

Felda claimed that the alleged defamatory statements were published by the other defendants in several articles in the Harakah newspaper between Nov 26 and 29.

It said the alleged defamatory statement had affected Felda's reputation and that the defendants did it to destroy the people's faith and belief in Felda for their own agenda and personal gains.

Felda is seeking general, special, aggravated and exemplary damages, interest and costs and an injunction to restrain Mazlan and his agents from discussing or publishing the alleged defamatory statement on the Internet or in the print media.

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