

Najib, Rosmah sue DAP lawmaker Nga for defamation over Facebook post, says report
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Taiping MP Nga Kor Ming is the latest opposition politician to be slapped with a defamation suit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor for a Facebook posting, The Star Online reported.

The report quoted the couple's lawyer Datuk Mohd Hafarizam Harun as saying that a copy of the claim, which was filed last week, would be sent to Nga today.

It is believed to be over Nga's posting on March 29, with a picture titled "Siapa PM M'sia yang Sebenar? Jawab!", (Who is the real prime minister? Answer!), which had been reproduced and shared in social media.

Najib and Rosmah sent a letter of demand in April, saying the post was "defamatory" and "slanderous", and made seven demands, including that Nga issue and publish a written apology and retract the statement, desist from making further similar statements, and give compensation for the injury and damage caused.

The letter said Nga's posting indicated that Najib was not competent to be prime minister, that he had been dominated by his wife, that Rosmah had intervened in meetings with ministers and that Najib had misused his position as prime minister.

"Our clients wish to put on record that the statement had been published and viewed by followers in your Facebook account with 3,697 likes and 2,366 shared of the status," the letter of demand read.

"Accordingly, these entirely baseless and false allegations made by you are with the primary intention of attacking and damaging our clients' goodwill and reputation for no justifiable reason. In doing so, you are/were acting with malice."

The lawyers also said that Najib would initiate legal proceedings against Nga should the DAP lawmaker refuse to provide a satisfactory response to the letter and continue to publish the statement.

Najib recently initiated a slew of legal action against opposition lawmakers and media agencies over articles and postings on a myriad of issues including 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

Najib and Rosmah also sued PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli in April for comments related to fuel prices made at a forum last year, where the Pandan MP had allegedly said that the rising fuel prices would allow Rosmah to buy more diamond rings.

The prime minister also sued Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua over his "defamatory" remarks on November 3 last year about 1MDB, which caused him "tremendous stress and embarrassment".

Najib also sued news portal Malaysiakini over its readers' comments on his handling of the political impasse in Terengganu.

He was also reported to be initiating legal action against PAS party organ Harakahdaily over a report linking his stepson to the controversial 1MDB. – June 15, 2015.

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