

**Najib Tweets, Blogs On Letter Sent To WSJ Over Articles
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today instructed his lawyers to send a letter to The Wall Street Journal seeking confirmation of its position on the allegations against him in its articles before taking legal action.

"As per my instruction, the lawyers' letter seeks confirmation of the newspaper's position following the publication of articles alleging I have misused US\$700 million in funds belonging to 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

"My lawyers will take further action after getting confirmation from the newspaper," Najib said in a post today on his Twitter account @NajibRazak and his blog, www.najibrazak.com.

The prime minister explained that an investigation was being undertaken by a Special Task Force to determine whether there was any basis to the allegations that he had used 1MDB funds for personal gain.

He said the investigation must take into account the authenticity of the documents that were published to support the newspaper's action.

Najib reiterated and stressed that he had never used 1MDB funds for personal gain.

"The accusation by The Wall Street Journal is a malicious attempt supported by certain quarters in this country to force me out of office as the prime minister and UMNO president," he said.

Last Friday, The Wall Street Journal published a report alleging that nearly US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) of 1MDB funds had been channelled to personal bank accounts of the prime minister.

On the same day, the Prime Minister's Office dismissed the WSJ report and described it as a political sabotage to topple a democratically elected prime minister.

1MDB also said it had never channelled funds to Najib.

Two days ago, Najib said he would decide over several days on the type of action to be taken over the allegations.

Yesterday, a special task force investigating allegations of the fund transfer ordered a freeze of six bank accounts of people believed to be involved in the case.

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