

Najib to decide soon on legal action over WSJ report
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Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today that he would take several days to decide what action to take against claims that 1Malaysia Development Bhd's (1MDB) funds had been channelled into his account.

The prime minister told a brief press conference that he had consulted his lawyers over the "malicious claims" (dakwaan jahat).

"Referring to the wild allegations made against me that I had allegedly stolen US\$700 million dollars from 1MDB and placed it in my personal accounts, I have referred to my lawyers and they will advise me on what further legal and other action I can take, within the country and overseas.

"InshaAllah, I will decide in a few days what further action I will take against the malicious allegations," he said at the Bandar Rinchang Mosque in Semenyih today.

Before the press conference began, Najib told reporters he would not be taking any questions from them.

"I'm just giving a statement, so no Q and A," he said.

The Star Online reported earlier that Najib was expected to file a suit against WSJ on Tuesday.

The suit would be filed by his lawyers in Kuala Lumpur, the portal reported, citing sources close to the prime minister.

On Thursday, WSJ alleged that up to US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) was transferred to Najib's personal accounts in 2013, just before the 13th general elections.

Najib denied the allegations and pinned the blame for the latest report on former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who has in recent months called for Najib's resignation.

WSJ, however, stood by its story, saying that the report was based on solid documentation proof.

A multi-agency task force has been set up to investigate the claims.

Najib's own Cabinet ministers, including Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal, have urged the PM to take legal action against WSJ if the report is untrue.

Najib, who is also finance minister, is chairman of 1MDB's advisory board. – July 5,

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