

Najib to file suit against WSJ on Tuesday, says report
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Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is expected to file a suit against The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday over its report alleging that billions of ringgit were channelled into the prime minister's private bank accounts, The Star Online reported today.

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

Najib is expected to make an announcement regarding his intentions this evening.

He is scheduled to give a press conference at 6.15pm today at a mosque in Semenyih.

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, 2015.

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