

**Lawyer denies PM admitted to receiving RM42m from SRC**  
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**Datuk Seri Najib Razak has denied receiving money from others in his personal account in a wrongful manner. — File pic**

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 21 — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's lawyer has refuted a report claiming that his client admitted to getting RM42 million from SRC International in his private account.

"We never said so," Datuk Hafarizam Harun told *Malay Mail Online* today, when asked about the report by news portal *The Malaysian Insider* that said Najib had made such an admittance in a statement filed on January 12 through the Hafarizam Wan & Aisha Mubarak firm.

According to Najib's statement of reply in his defamation suit against former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, what was "only acknowledged" was the "transfer of funds amounting to RM42 million into the plaintiff's account through AmPrivate Banking". SRC International was not specified.

"But, the plaintiff at all material times does not have knowledge that it was done through two intermediaries as what the defendant alleges. Therefore, the defendant is requested to prove it," said the statement.

Hafarizam told *Malay Mail Online*: "Never did we say it's SRC".

According to Najib's statement of reply, the prime minister had denied receiving money from others in his personal account in a wrongful manner.

The statement sighted by *Malay Mail Online* also showed Najib reserving his right to provide further explanations to the defence on the US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) and RM42 million transfers pending investigations by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), the police, Bank Negara, and the Attorney-General's Chambers among others.

"The plaintiff respects the integrity of the ongoing investigations and has given full cooperation as demanded by the law. The plaintiff cannot go ahead of the relevant agencies and they should be allowed to continue their full investigations, and then announce the results of their investigations.

"Without prejudice to the right of the plaintiff to provide further explanations in the reply to the defence because of the ongoing investigations, the plaintiff strongly denies that he had received money belonging to other people than the plaintiff into his personal account in a wrongful manner, as pleaded by the defendant in paragraph 20," said Najib.

Specifically on the alleged RM42 million transfer from SRC International, former subsidiary of state investment firm 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), Najib said

in his statement of reply that he would “respect the process and the integrity of the investigation” by the MACC by not giving a response for the time being pending the probe.

“While waiting for the investigation process and the results of the investigation, the plaintiff for the time being denies any accusation of misconduct as alleged by the defendant. Further details of the allegation will be supplied once investigations by the agencies and bodies acknowledged by the law are complete,” he said.

The MACC has said that the US\$700 million transfer into Najib’s personal account was a donation from Middle Eastern donors that it did not name.

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