

**When will Najib sue WSJ, Muhyiddin asks
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Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin says legal action should be taken against The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) if its latest claims that the RM2.6 billion in the prime minister's personal accounts was not from the Saudi royal family are not true. He said inaction over the matter has caused people to wonder whether the daily's claims were true.

Muhyiddin said the attorney-general had confirmed that the money in Datuk Seri Najib Razak's account came from the Saudis and that there was no element of corruption.

"Recently, an editor from The Wall Street Journal said he had a lot of evidence pointing to the fact that the money came from various sources and was connected to 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB).

"The question now is who is right and who is wrong? We want the truth, please answer," Muhyiddin said.

"Previously they said they wanted to sue but didn't.

"And when inaccurate reports are published, there is still no action.

"They (WSJ) are waiting. He has asked when he is going to be sued.

"So if what Ken Brown has said is untrue, sue him and WSJ.

"Why are you afraid?" said the former deputy prime minister.

Muhyiddin did not mention any names but many parties have said Najib should sue WSJ to clear his name.

Brown said in a recent interview with Australia's ABC News that WSJ had evidence that the money deposited in Najib's accounts was from companies and bank accounts "related" to 1MDB.

"Our reporting has shown for months now that the money did not come from the Saudis but it came via a bunch of companies and bank accounts related to 1MDB.

"Our story hasn't been called into question yet and we have lots of evidence to back that up," said Brown in the interview which was uploaded to ABC News on February 12.

Brown said ongoing international investigations into the state-owned investment fund would likely lead authorities to Najib, who is also finance minister and chairman of

1MDB's advisory board.

WSJ first reported in July last year the RM2.6 billion found in Najib's accounts at AmBank, citing information from Malaysian investigators.

Najib denied taking any funds from 1MDB for personal gain, and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission subsequently said the money came from a donor.

Last month, six months after the WSJ report, A-G Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali said the money had come from the Saudi royal family and that part of it had been returned as it was not utilised.

The A-G also said there was not enough evidence to charge Najib and called for the investigations to be closed. – February 20, 2016.

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