

who filed a suit is normally not required to attend the suit's proceedings but is sometimes encouraged to do so.

Also on Monday, Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Azhar Azizan Harun confirmed that Najib has applied for a royal pardon, and the former PM remains an MP until the petition is finalised. Najib was also reported to be hospitalised at Kuala Lumpur Hospital for an undisclosed ailment on Sunday, but was present in court on Monday for his 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) trial.

With Monday's application allowed by Akhtar, the striking out application will now be heard physically before judge Datuk Ahmad Bache.

Last month, Ahmad dismissed an application by Najib's lawyers to not allow Thomas' own law firm Messrs Tommy Thomas and Gomez from representing the former AG personally in the suit.

The former premier and Pekan MP filed the suit in October last year, claiming malicious prosecution for levelling the various charges in relation to the 1MDB cases against him.

He alleged that the charges against him were part of a "long planned, premeditated exercise by Thomas" and the then Pakatan Harapan government.

"As attorney general he carried out his duties, at least in relation to Najib, as if he were an agent of Pakatan Harapan. In fact, he would later go on to link Najib's political party Umno with Najib himself, the Malay race and a drive to Islamisation," the statement of claim read.

Thomas claimed that Najib's cause of action against him does not exist as a public prosecutor can exercise his discretion under Article 145(3) of the Federal Constitution and that the suit was filed as a political ploy that was to be used in the lead-up to the recent Melaka state election.

The government also, in its striking out application, claimed that the suit is a collateral attack against the criminal charges that are brought against Najib and to disrupt the ongoing criminal cases.

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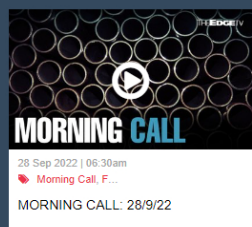
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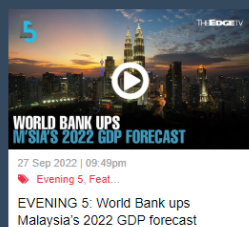
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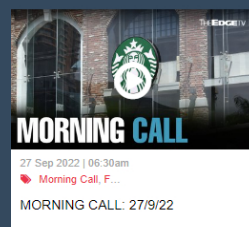
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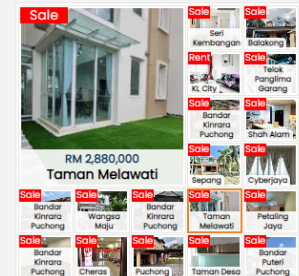


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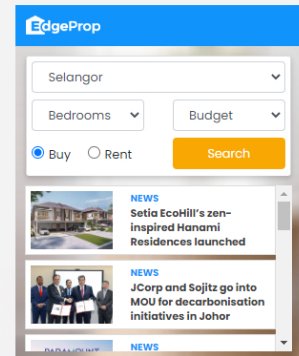
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