

Najib's troubles: How they snowballed

April 3, 2009

Datuk Seri Najib Razak is sworn in as Malaysia's sixth prime minister. He announces 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) as the country's strategic investor a few months later.



Aug 18, 2014

Dr Mahathir (above) says in his blog he is withdrawing support for PM Najib, claiming his views have fallen on deaf ears.

Sept 10

Dr Mahathir trains his guns on 1MDB for the first time, saying although 1MDB behaves like a sovereign wealth fund, it borrows money to buy assets.

Nov 27

Mr Najib makes U-turn and retains Sedition Act, following Dr Mahathir's attacks saying there will be "chaos" without it.

Jan 5, 2015

1MDB's third chief in five years resigns, replaced by current president Arul Kanda. Its debts are now at RM42 billion (\$15 billion).

April 9

PM Najib says in a TV interview that a key reason Dr Mahathir is angry with him is the disagreement over the Causeway's crooked bridge project (below).



April 13

Dr Mahathir says the split isn't about the bridge, but unanswered questions about 1MDB and who ordered the killing of a Mongolian model, Altantuya Shaarilbuu (above).

April 18

Dr Mahathir explicitly tells Umno to oust Mr Najib, saying he is an incompetent prime minister who has caused 1MDB funds to go missing.

April 28

Mr Najib says he will "never back down and surrender", brushing off criticisms against him and 1MDB.

May 7

Pilgrimage fund Tabung Haji buys a plot of land for RM188.5 million from 1MDB. The perceived bailout sparks public anger.

Mid-May

Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin is recorded in a widely circulated video saying 1MDB board members should be sacked immediately.

May 17

Mr Najib posts Frequently Asked Questions on his blog to counter his critics on 1MDB and the Mongolian woman's murder, and says Umno is "more open and more democratic" today.

June 5

Dr Mahathir steals the limelight as Najib does not show up at the Nothing2Hide forum to talk about 1MDB.

June 22

A former executive of PetroSaudi International, which was a venture partner of 1MDB, is nabbed in Thailand. Malaysian officials say he tampered with documents and gave them to the Sarawak Report blog.

July 3

The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reports that US\$700 million was credited into the personal accounts of Mr Najib in a Malaysian bank.

Mr Najib accuses Dr Mahathir of being behind a "political sabotage" to oust him by working with "foreign nationals".

Malaysian authorities raid three companies linked to public funds which WSJ says transferred RM42 million to Mr Najib.

