

IS THE FBI'S LANDLORD IN SEATTLE A MALAYSIAN POLITICIAN WHO DESTROYED THE RAINFOREST?
IN 2018, CONGRESS WANTED ANSWERS.
AMERICA GOT LIES.
THE FBI IS STILL THERE.



Office Tower In Seattle, WA



Tenant



Gov. Abdul Taib Mahmud

- *The 1990s* -- unexplained wealth from Malaysia poured into U.S. real estate by the tens of millions of dollars, following massive devastation of the rainforest in the state of Sarawak on the island of Borneo by politically-connected timber companies.
- *1998* – the FBI first leased a Seattle office tower for its regional HQ, housing law-enforcement, anti-terrorism, and counter-intelligence operations.
- *2016-17* -- the watchdog Government Accountability Office examined the threats posed by foreign ownership and control of buildings leased by the U.S. government, and it dug into whether Sarawak's Governor is the ultimate owner the FBI's Seattle office tower.
- *2018* – Congress resolved to address the threat of foreign ownership and control by requiring full disclosure, including specifically as to the FBI's Seattle office tower.
- *2018* – FBI signed extension for the Seattle office tower lease. It did not like moving.
- *2021* – documents from the "Pandora Papers" leak, exposing secretive off-shore companies frequently used to launder money, indicate nominal ownership of the Seattle office tower by the wife and son of Sarawak Governor Abdul Taib Mahmud ("Taib").
- *Continuously* – Representatives of the title owner of the building have covered up its ultimate beneficial ownership, strongly indicated as belonging to Taib himself.
- *2022 to the present* – FBI stymies further inquiries by civil society into its renewal of the Seattle office tower lease and its handling of the entire affair.
- *The Present* – new U.S. standards of corporate transparency take effect, to tackle use of the U.S. financial system by those who damage the climate and environment.

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