

Differences surface

A family feud over the fate of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's house at 38, Oxley Road spilt into the public sphere in June, two years after Mr Lee's death. Two of his children, Dr Lee Wei Ling and Mr Lee Hsien Yang, accused their brother, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, of misusing his power and not honouring their late father's wish to demolish the family home.

Timeline

JUNE 14

Dr Lee and Mr Lee Hsien Yang post a statement on Facebook saying they have lost confidence in PM Lee and that they fear the use of organs of state against them. They also accuse him and his wife Ho Ching of wanting to make use of the late Mr Lee's legacy to further their political ambitions for their son Li Hongyi. PM Lee denies their accusations.

JUNE 15 - 16

PM Lee issues a summary of statutory declarations he made to a ministerial committee set up to consider options for the Oxley Road house. Mr Lee Hsien Yang says there are contradictions between what PM said publicly and what he said to the committee. One point of contention is the role Mr Lee Hsien Yang's wife, Mrs Lee Suet Fern, played in drafting the late Mr Lee's last will.

JUNE 17

Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean reveals details of the ministerial committee.

JUNE 19

PM Lee issues a statement and a video apologising to Singaporeans for the harm caused by the protracted and publicly aired dispute with his siblings.

JULY 3 - 4

Parliament debates the allegations over the abuse of power. Over two days, 36 ministers and MPs speak, with the People's Action Party lifting its Whip. PM Lee says his siblings' "allegations have been aired, have been answered and rebutted". He also says he hopes to reconcile with his siblings one day.

JULY 6

Mr Lee Hsien Yang and Dr Lee issue a statement summarising their case, and also apologising to Singaporeans saying they have "made a lot of mistakes along the way". PM Lee shares their desire to take dispute private.

JULY 17

Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) says it is looking into a July 15 Facebook post by Mr Li Shengwu, in

which he said "the Singapore Government is very litigious and has a pliant court system".

AUG 4

AGC says it filed application to begin contempt of court proceedings against Mr Li for his comments on the Singapore judiciary.

OCT 17

AGC serves court papers on Mr Li at Harvard University in the United States. Its case is that while Mr Li may have put his Facebook privacy setting as "friends only" when he published the Facebook post, this does not entitle him to claim privacy.

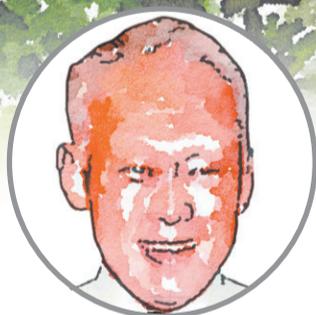
OCT 20

PM Lee says he is unsure if dispute with siblings has been resolved.

DEC 4

Mr Li's lawyers say they will apply to set aside the court order allowing the AGC to serve papers on him in the United States. The next pre-trial conference is expected to take place on Jan 4.

Key players



Founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew
(1923 - 2015)



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong
elder son



Dr Lee Wei Ling
daughter, senior adviser at the National Neuroscience Institute



Mr Lee Hsien Yang
younger son, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore



Ms Ho Ching
PM Lee's wife, chief executive of Singapore investment firm Temasek Holdings



Mrs Lee Suet Fern
Mr Lee Hsien Yang's wife, partner at law firm Morgan Lewis



Mr Li Shengwu
Mr Lee Hsien Yang's eldest son, junior fellow at Harvard University



Mr Li Hongyi
PM Lee's second son, deputy director at the Government Technology Agency of Singapore