

Najib's family disappointed with no full pardon

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The family of Najib Abdul Razak has expressed disappointment that the former prime minister did not get a full pardon and immediate release from prison.

In an Instagram post, Najib's daughter Nooryana Najwa said while the family appreciated the reduction of jail time from 12 years to six years after consideration by the Pardons Board, they remain disappointed.

"Najib Razak and family maintain the stand and believe that he is not guilty," Nooryana (above) said.

Najib was locked up in Kajang Prison after being convicted in the RM42 million SRC International corruption case.

The 12-year sentence and conviction were meted out by the High Court and upheld by the Court of Appeal and Federal Court.

In a meeting on Jan 29, 2024, the Pardons Board decided to slash Najib's jail time

in half.

This means the former Umno president would be released from prison on Aug 23, 2028.

The board also slashed the fine slapped on Najib from RM210 million to RM50 million.

“However, if he fails to pay up, the prison sentence on Najib will be added by a year, and he will be only released on Aug 23, 2029,” said the board in a statement today.

In response, Nooryana said those who followed the SRC case last year closely would have agreed with the dissenting view of the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak Abdul Rahman Sebli that there has been a huge injustice committed upon Najib and the right decision is to free him.

In March 2023, the five-judge panel of the Federal Court, in a 4-1 majority decision, rejected Najib’s application to review his conviction for the RM42 million in the SRC International corruption case.

Abdul Rahman chaired the panel of five judges which also included Federal Court judges Rhodzariah Bujang, Nordin Hassan, and Vernon Ong Lam Kiat, as well as

Court of Appeal judge Abu Bakar Jais.

Abdul Rahman made up the sole dissenting ruling to allow the review.

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