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March 7th 2014 a three man Appeal Court panel found Anwar guilty, overturning the judgement of the High Court the previous year in an astounding perversion of justice (normally an acquittal can never be appealed or reversed except in exceptional cases and through a complete re-trial).

Najib's legal fixer

Anwar naturally appealed the shocking and irregular overturn by the Appeal Court of his earlier acquittal and once again Shafee was used to prosecute the case for the government through the Federal Court. In a short hearing in early 2015 those Federal judges upheld the Appeal Court judgement, causing no surprise in Malaysia.

What did surprise even Shafee's colleagues was what this legal eagle did next. He embarked on a road show justifying the conduct of the shameful trial process and continuing to villify Anwar, now in jail. Shafee even went so far as to regail his listeners with details of intimate allegations that had specifically been barred from the court itself, thereby breaking the rules again in the poorest of taste.

Shafee then sued lawyers who censured this conduct through the Bar Council for defamation, but lost his case.

Such enthusiastic support for Najib, which so plainly goes beyond the objectivity of a supposedly neutral observer betrays what has in fact been a long association between the two men.

Texts which were released on line many years ago between the two men and which have never been denied show that Shafee offered his services to the beleaguered then Deputy PM in the aftermath of the discovery of his translator Altantuya's body and the arrest of Najib's bodyguards and his advisor and proxy Razak Baginda for her murder.

Shafee closely represented Najib as they worked to get Baginda off the hook and put all the blame for the crime on the two bodyguards, excluding all discussion of motive from the case.

So, no wonder his bias against Anwar was raised by his lawyers, since Shafee is widely regarded as Najib's prime legal fixer in opposition circles.

The court dismissed such concerns. However, the glaring question as to why Najib paid Shafee nearly RM10 million in the few months and weeks before that verdict remains.

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