

MACC witness: Najib admitted signatures on documents were his



Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak arriving at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex for his SRC International Sdn Bhd trial yesterday. PIC BY NURUL SHAFINA JEMENON



Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission investigating officer Rosli Hussain arriving at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex yesterday. PIC BY ZULFADHLI ZULKIFLI

KUALA LUMPUR: A key prosecution witness yesterday said he was to rest arguments that Datuk Seri Najib Razak's signatures on documents and letters of instructions to his bank had been forged. Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) investigating officer Rosli Hussain said the former prime minister himself admitted that the signatures were his.



Rosli said Najib made the admission when he was called to have his statements recorded on three occasions. "He was called in on Dec 5, 2015, May 22 and May 24 last year. "We showed him all the documents and he confirmed that the signatures were his. He did not deny anything." Rosli, who was the last witness

called before the prosecution wraps up its case, said this during his testimony-in-chief conducted by deputy public prosecutor Datuk Suhaimi Ibrahim. Immediately after he finished testifying on Najib's confirmation about the signatures, the latter's lead counsel, Tan Sri Muhamad Shafee Abdullah, said the defence would not object to what had been revealed by the witness, but it regarded the evidence as "hearsay". Lead prosecutor Datuk V. Sithambaram said submissions

on the issue would be made "at the appropriate time". Najib's team had all this while argued that the former prime minister's signature had been forged on documents, which had been tendered as evidence. The 66-year-old Pekan member of parliament is facing seven charges of criminal breach of trust, abuse of power, and money laundering involving RM42 mil-

lion of SRC International Sdn Bhd's funds. SRC International is a former subsidiary of 1Malaysia Development Bhd. He is charged with committing the offences between Aug 17, 2011, and Feb 10, 2015. He faces 20 years' jail and fine for the offences. The trial before High Court judge Mohd Nazlan Mohd Ghazali continues. **By Sharanjit Singh**