

'Charts Apandi used in 2016 to clear Najib actually prove guilt'

PUTRAJAYA: The press conference held by former attorney-general Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali in 2016' to clear Datuk Seri Najib Razak of any wrongdoing in the SRC International Sdn Bhd case had blown up in his face and cast doubt on his integrity, the Court of Appeal heard yesterday.

Lead prosecutor Datuk V. Sithambaram said Apandi had held up two flow charts to show how Najib was innocent of offences being investigated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

He said the press conference was held on Jan 26, 2016, to exonerate Najib.

Apandi then ordered MACC investigations against Najib, who was then prime minister, to be closed.

Sithambaram said the two flow charts that Apandi held up during the press conference showed how funds that entered Najib's accounts were actually from SRC and not from Saudi Arabian donations or any other source.

The charts also showed the lay-



Then attorney-general Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali holding two flow charts during a press conference he called on Jan 26, 2016, to announce that the then prime minister, Datuk Seri Najib Razak, was not involved in the diversion of funds from SRC International Sdn Bhd. FILE PIC

ered flows of money from SRC to Najib's bank accounts.

The SRC funds were transferred from one company to another before the trail ends in the former

Umno president's accounts.

Sithambaram said the same flow charts used by Apandi to exonerate Najib were used by the prosecution in his SRC trial.

Apandi had been called by Najib as a defence witness, but Sithambaram said evidence adduced during the trial had cast doubt on Apandi's integrity and

his finding that Najib was innocent.

Sithambaram said another witness, former MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Dzulkifli Ahmad, had testified that MACC continued investigating SRC even though Apandi had released Najib from all charges in January 2016.

He said Dzulkifli's testimony showed that even though Apandi had exonerated Najib from any involvement in the SRC matter, MACC still investigated the SRC and RM2.6 billion from 1Malaysia Development Bhd cases.

"Clearly, the further investigations that were conducted resulted in the present charges" Sithambaram said during submissions in Najib's appeal hearing yesterday.

The Pekan member of parliament is appealing against his 12-year jail sentence and RM210 million fine after being found guilty of abuse of power, criminal breach of trust and money laundering involving RM42 million of SRC funds.