

NAJIB SEEKS DOCUMENTS ON ZETI'S FAMILY, GOLDMAN SACHS

May 31 hearing on applications to get 1MDB related papers

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THE High Court will, on May 31, hear Datuk Seri Najib Razak's bid to get hold of documents related to 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) involving the United States investment bank Goldman Sachs and former Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz's family.

The former prime minister had filed two discovery applications for the documents to be disclosed to aid his defence in his ongoing trial involving the misappropriation of RM2.28 billion of 1MDB funds.

Earlier, deputy public prosecutor Mohamad Mustafa P. Kunalalam told the court that the prosecution needed time to reply to both bids.



Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak arriving at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex yesterday for the case management of 1Malaysia Development Berhad. BERNAMA PIC

"We (prosecution) received the cause papers (of the second discovery application) on April 12. We seek to reply to the applications and we need at least two weeks," he said.

He also informed the court that a similar application (on Najib's first application) had been scheduled to be heard on May 20, and

proposed May 31 for both applications to be heard together.

Najib's lawyer, Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, agreed for the applications to be jointly heard on that day.

Judge Collin Lawrence Sequerah then fixed May 31 to hear the two applications and ordered for parties to file their written sub-

missions by May 17.

On March 24, Najib filed his first application through a notice of motion seeking a court order to compel the prosecution to provide his defence team with several banking statements involving the bank accounts of Zeti's family.

The accounts were related to allegations that the family had received monies from 1MDB-linked fugitive Low Taek Jho.

In the first application, Najib claimed that the statements and documents, which were vital and relevant to his 1MDB trial, were under the custody of the prosecution and other entities.

Najib filed his second application on April 5, seeking a confidential settlement agreement between the government of Malaysia and the Goldman Sachs Group entered into in 2020.

He had also, in his second bid, sought the transcripts or forensic report on the cellphones of former Goldman Sachs partner in Asia Tim Leissner, as well as the latter's communication and data stored on Goldman Sachs' servers.