

NAJIB'S APPLICATION TO BE HEARD ON TUESDAY

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Three-judge panel will hear it, a day before the verdict of Najib's appeal against conviction, sentence

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THE Court of Appeal will hear Datuk Seri Najib Razak's application to hear fresh evidence relating to his SRC International Sdn Bhd corruption case on Tuesday.

Checks at the Judiciary Department's website revealed that the three-judge panel will hear it on Dec 7, a day before the verdict of Najib's appeal against his conviction and sentence for misappropriating SRC International funds.

Najib had appealed against the High Court's verdict, which found him guilty of misappropriating RM42 million of SRC International funds.

Najib's lead counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, during a press conference on Thursday, had said that they had

filed an application pleading for the Court of Appeal to hear new evidence relating to the case.

"The very nature of recent revelations by key agencies and personalities such as the former Attorney-General (Tan Sri Tommy Thomas) has created a situation that cannot be left ignored or unanswered in defence of my client in all the charges against him," he was quoted as saying.

Shafee said the defence hoped to call Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) chief Datuk Seri Azam Baki and MACC investigating officer Rosli Hussein to provide further evidence in relation to former Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz's role in the 1Malaysia Development Bhd scandal and her relationship with fugitive financier Low Taek Jho @ Jho Low.

Shafee said additional evidence adduced from the witnesses would be necessary in the interest of justice for his client.

Najib claimed that such information was not available or could not be obtained during his SRC trial at the High Court and when the Court of Appeal previously heard the appeal.

Shafee claimed the information recently disclosed was of material relevance to his client's defence and appeared to have been suppressed from the de-



Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's lead counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah showing fresh evidence relating to Najib's SRC International Sdn Bhd corruption case on Thursday. PIC BY OWEE AH CHUN

fence.

The High Court convicted the former prime minister over all the seven charges of criminal breach of trust, power abuse, money laundering, in relation to

SRC International's RM42 million.

He was subsequently sentenced to 12 years' jail and fined RM210 million after being found guilty of all charges.