

NAJIB SEEKS TO DELAY SINGAPORE TRIP

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I've been tasked to help Umno with Melaka polls, Pekan MP says in supporting affidavit

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DATUK Seri Najib Razak now wants to postpone his travel plans to Singapore due to the Melaka state elections next month.

The former Umno president, in his supporting affidavit to apply for the temporary return of his passport, said he had been tasked to be the "caretaker" for the party during the by-election.

On Oct 18, the Court of Appeal approved Najib's application for the temporary return of his passport to enable him to travel to Singapore to visit his daughter, Nooryana Najwa, who is expected to give birth soon.

He was originally scheduled to leave for Singapore on Oct 20 and



Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the High Court in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

return by Nov 22.

However, Najib, through his counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, yesterday applied to amend his travel date to Nov 21, and he will return his passport before Dec 6.

He said Umno president Datuk

Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi would be in Germany during the elections for his medical treatment.

"I have been entrusted to ensure that Umno will act in an orderly and appropriate manner during the state elections.

"Thus, I need to delay my travel to Singapore to after the state elections on Nov 20," he said.

Najib's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, will be heading to Singapore to look after their daughter before he follows suit.

High Court judge Mohamed

Zaini Mazlan set Oct 26 for hearing.

Meanwhile, deputy public prosecutor Mohd Ashrof Adrin said the prosecution would wait for further instructions from the Attorney-General's Chambers.

The Pekan member of parliament is on trial for multiple corruption charges involving 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) financial scandal, audit tampering and money laundering.

He was sentenced to 12 years in jail and fined RM210 million after he was found guilty for misappropriation of RM42 million of SRC International funds.

On Oct 15, Zaini allowed Rosmah's application to temporarily get back her international passport to travel to Singapore on Oct 22 and return on Nov 21.

She was ordered to return the document to the court before Dec 6.

Rosmah, 69, is expected to resume giving evidence over her charges of soliciting RM187.5 million and receiving bribes of RM6.5 million from Jepak Holdings Sdn Bhd's former managing director Saidi Abang Samsudin, through her former special officer Datuk Rizal Mansor.