

# Court releases Rosmah's passport

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## Najib also applied for his so they can be with their daughter in Singapore

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor will be in Singapore soon to be with her daughter who is due to deliver her second child in about two weeks.

Rosmah, who is on trial for graft, was allowed to travel following the High Court's decision to grant a temporary release of her passport.

Justice Mohamed Zaini Mazlan made the order for Rosmah's passport to be given back to her yesterday but that it must be returned to the court before or by Dec 6.

According to the notice of motion sighted by *The Star*, Rosmah, who is the wife of former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, was seeking for the release of her passport to visit her 33-year-old daughter Noor- yana Najwa, who is eight months pregnant.

Earlier, Rosmah's lawyer Datuk Jagjit Singh told the court his client would be returning to Malaysia by or on Nov 24.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Moha-

mad Mustafa P. Konyalam said the prosecution had no objection to the application, subject to Rosmah's travel dates not affecting the agreed trial dates.

"They (the defence) must strictly adhere to the timeline agreed. We do not want delays," he said.

Justice Mohamed Zaini said the quarantine period for travellers returning to Malaysia was 14 days.

He said if Rosmah were to return on Nov 24, she must be tested for Covid-19 again on the 14th day and make herself available on Dec 8, which is one of the trial dates.

"I am not agreeable to Nov 24. I am suggesting we give and take one or two days.

"I insist on (the applicant returning by) Nov 21.

"Here is my order. The passport will be returned today (yesterday) and must be returned to the court before or on Dec 6 with the condition that the applicant could only travel to Singapore from Oct 22 and must return to Malaysia before or by Nov 21," he said.

In her supporting affidavit, Ros-

mah said her daughter, who is married to Kazakh citizen Daniyar Kessikbayev, was residing in Singapore.

She said Nooryana needed her presence for physical and emotional support as well as antenatal maternity care.

"I believe a mother's care is extremely needed by my daughter especially after the doctor has confirmed that a complicated surgery would take place," she said in her affidavit.

Rosmah said she understood the consequences if she failed to attend court dates where she could be issued with an arrest warrant and her bail money could be forfeited.

A letter from the Singapore private hospital dated Oct 7 stated that Nooryana had a history of complications during her first childbirth and that she would undergo a "complicated and high-risk Caesarean section".

Rosmah is facing one charge of soliciting RM187.5mil and two counts of receiving bribes totalling RM6.5mil from Jepak Holdings' for-

mer managing director Saidi Abang Samsudin.

The bribes were allegedly received through her former aide Datuk Rizal Mansor as a reward for helping Jepak Holdings secure the Hybrid Photovoltaic Solar System Integrated Project as well as the maintenance and operation of diesel generator sets for 369 Sarawak rural schools worth RM1.25bil from the Education Ministry through direct negotiation.

DPP Mohamad Mustafa confirmed to the press that Rosmah's trial date on Oct 21 would proceed as scheduled.

Najib has also filed a similar application.

In the notice of motion seen by *The Star*, Najib sought for the temporary release of his passport as early as Oct 20, or earlier, until Nov 22.

This is so that he could renew his travel document before he leaves for Singapore as early as Nov 3.

The application, dated Oct 14, was filed through Messrs Shafee & Co.

In his supporting affidavit, Najib said that Nooryana was residing in Singapore with her husband and four-year-old son.

He said apart from his son-in-law and grandson, Nooryana had no other family members in Singapore who could help her throughout her pregnancy and delivery.

"I am not a flight risk as my family, my work as a former minister and former menteri besar, as well as my source of income are all in Malaysia. My assets are all in Malaysia," he said.

Najib added that as he was on a RM7mil bail, it was illogical to consider him a flight risk with such a huge amount of bail.

His lawyer Rahmat Hazlan confirmed that Najib filed the application.

The matter would be heard before a panel at the Court of Appeal on Monday.

Najib was convicted of seven charges involving RM42mil from SRC International Sdn Bhd's coffers.

The case is at the appeal stage at the Court of Appeal.