

# Najib to apply for Queen's Counsel to quash SRC case conviction

FORMER Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak will apply for Queen's Counsel from the UK to argue his appeal to quash his conviction and 12-year jail sentence and RM210 million fine for the SRC International Sdn Bhd case in the Federal Court.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Ashrof Andrin Kamarul said Najib's lead counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah informed the matter to Federal Court Registrar Siti Hajar Mustafa during the online proceedings yesterday.

"The defence will write a letter to the Federal Court by tomorrow on their intention to apply for a Queen's Counsel from the UK to attend and argue on Najib's appeal. The court has fixed Jan 28 for next case management to determine the next step for the appeal," he told reporters.

Queen's Counsel appointment will be on an ad-hoc basis after obtaining admission

from the Malaysian court. The court also fixed March 15-16 to hear Najib's appeal to adduce new evidence.

On Dec 7 last year, the Court of Appeal dismissed Najib's application to adduce new evidence in his appeal by ruling that Najib had failed to cumulatively satisfy Section 61 of the Courts of Judicature Act that fresh evidence was required for justice in the case.

On the next day, the same court upheld the conviction and 12-year jail term and RM210 million fine on Najib for misappropriating RM42 million in SRC funds.

Justice Datuk Abdul Karim Abdul Jalil, who led a three-member bench comprising Justices Datuk Has Zanah Mehat and Datuk Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera, dismissed Najib's appeal against the KL High Court decision on July 28, 2020. On the same day, Najib, 69, filed a notice of appeal to the Federal Court. — *Bernama*



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