

# NAJIB WITHDRAWS APPEALS FOR DOCS ON GOLDMAN, ZETI'S FAMILY

Defence, prosecution agree to allow matter to be re-argued at all levels of court

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**F**ORMER prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has withdrawn his appeals to obtain banking documents relating to investment bank Goldman Sachs and former Bank Negara Malaysia governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz's family in his 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) trial.

His lawyer, Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, told the Federal Court's three-member bench yesterday that Najib was withdrawing both appeals without prejudice for the matter to be re-argued at all levels of the court.

"We both (defence and prosecution) agreed to the following term. We will withdraw both substantive appeals without prejudice so that we can re-argue at all levels of the court, including the High Court.

"The High Court did say we can re-argue this when the witnesses come to testify in the trial."

Shafee told the court the prosecution would not object to Najib's right to re-apply for the documents when the relevant witnesses testify during the trial in the High Court.

He asked the court to strike out



*Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor at the Putrajaya Federal Court yesterday for her husband Datuk Seri Najib Razak's appeal hearing.*  
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the appeals on the basis of the two terms agreed upon by the defence and the prosecution.

Court of Appeal president Tan Sri Abang Iskandar Abang Hashim, who chaired the bench, struck out the appeals without hearing the merits.

The two other presiding judges were Chief Judge of Malaya Datuk Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah and Federal Court judge Datuk Zabariah Mohd Yusof.

Najib filed the appeals against the High Court's decision on July 12, 2021 to dismiss two of his discovery applications to compel the prosecution in his 1MDB trial to disclose banking documents linked to Zeti's family on claims that her family received money

from fugitive financier Low Taek Jho.

He had lost his appeal in the Court of Appeal, which was dismissed on Dec 8 last year.

Najib filed the application on March 24, 2021 to compel the prosecution in his 1MDB case to provide several banking statements from companies, including Aktis Capital Singapore Pte Ltd, Country Group Securities Public Company Ltd, ACME Time Ltd, Butamba Investments Ltd and Central Holdings Ltd, believed to be related to Low and Zeti's family.

Najib filed a second application on April 7, 2021 seeking to obtain the confidential settlement agreement between the government

and the Goldman Sachs Group entered into in 2020 and transcripts from or forensic reports on the cellphones of former Goldman Sachs partner in Asia, Tim Leissner.

Najib is on trial for four charges of using his position to obtain bribes totalling RM2.3 billion from 1MDB funds and 21 charges of money laundering involving the same amount. The trial will continue on July 7 before justice Collin Lawrence Sequerah. -

Najib is serving a 12-year jail sentence in Kajang Prison after the Federal Court upheld his conviction for the misappropriation of RM42 million of SRC International Sdn Bhd funds on Aug 23 last year. **Bernama**