

# 'PM'S SPEECH REFERRED TO ADDENDUM ORDER'

**Najib in Latest affidavit claims Anwar 'tacitly acknowledged' its existence**

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**D**ATUK Seri Najib Razak claims Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's speech during the recent PKR special convention is the strongest evidence of the addendum order by the former king allowing him to serve the remainder of his sentence under house arrest.

The incarcerated former prime minister made this contention in his latest affidavit to support his judicial review application to compel the government to produce the addendum dated Jan 29.

He also included footage of Anwar's speech together with the transcript which was held at Ideal Convention Centre (IDCC) in Shah Alam on April 21.

Najib claimed Anwar, who is the prime minister, in his speech did not mention the main order but subtly questioned the validity of the addendum order without explicitly naming it.

Najib asserted that the Tambun member of parliament referred to an affidavit that was filed by his deputy, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, to support Najib's judicial review application.

The Umno president had claimed that Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz showed him a copy of the addendum order on his phone on Jan 30, which he personally photographed or scanned from an original copy as shown to him by the former king.

Najib claimed the prime minister in his speech said the validity of this "order", which was not specified, was questionable as it was not discussed during the Pardons Board meeting when the king was in charge.

"It is clear from the speech that Anwar was erroneously advised by the attorney-general that such an order could not have been valid unless specifically discussed and advised during the



Former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak Najib was allowed to file two extra affidavits to support his judicial review application on an addendum order by the previous king allowing him to serve the remainder of his sentence under house arrest. PIC BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

Pardons Board proceedings.

"Most importantly, the speech strengthens my counsel's argument that if the prime minister found it appropriate to avoid discussing the legality of such an addendum order, why not simply deny its existence if it truly did not exist?"

"Thus, the prime minister tacitly acknowledged the existence of the addendum order," claimed Najib.

On April 21, Anwar in his speech said any decision on the alleged addendum order granting house arrest to Najib must be made in the meeting of the Pardons Board.

Anwar added he would not interfere in the matter, despite being criticised for doing nothing.

On Jan 29, the Federal Territories Pardons Board, which the then king presided over, halved Najib's 12-year jail sentence for abuse of power and criminal breach of trust in the SRC International case, and reduced his RM210 million fine to RM50 million.

Najib in his judicial review application to the High Court on April 1, claimed the then king issued an addendum order — also on Jan 29 — allowing him to serve the remainder of his jail sentence under house arrest.

He named the Home Minister, Prison Department commissioner general, Attorney-General (AG), Federal Territories Pardons Board, Minister in the Prime Min-

ister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform), Legal Affairs Division director-general, and the government as respondents.

Najib was allowed to file two additional affidavits to support his judicial review application related to an addendum order by the previous king allowing him to serve the remainder of his sentence under house arrest.

The affidavit involves support affirmed by the Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail, as well as statements by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the PKR 25th Anniversary Convention in Shah Alam last April.

The former prime minister's lawyer, Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, when met at the court complex here said Judge Datuk Amarjeet Singh made the decision during a proceeding which was held in his chambers yesterday.

"Due to the excess of documents involving affidavits, applications, and arguments, it requires time.

"Therefore, the judge has adjourned the case to July 3 for a decision on my client's application for judicial review challenging the existence of the addendum order.

"The relevant affidavits have been accepted by the court, so they will be considered, and the court will decide whether to grant judicial review or not," he told a press conference.