

KING'S PARDON

NAJIB'S 'HOUSE ARREST' APPEAL HEARING DEC 5

Ex-PM is appealing against court's refusal to grant judicial review over 'addendum'

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THE Court of Appeal has set Dec 5 for the hearing of Datuk Seri Najib Razak's appeal concerning the dismissal of his leave application to commence judicial review regarding an alleged addendum on his house arrest.

Najib claims that the addendum was issued by the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong to allow him to

serve the remainder of his jail sentence under house arrest.

Senior federal counsel Ahmad Hanir Hambaly@Arwi yesterday confirmed the hearing date.

The 71-year-old former prime minister's application was rejected by the Kuala Lumpur High Court on July 3 this year, which found that the four affidavits supporting his claim, including those from Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid

Hamidi and vice-president Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail, were hearsay.

Following the dismissal, Najib filed a notice of appeal on July 9.

He named seven respondents, namely the home minister, Prisons Department commissioner-general, attorney-general, Federal Territories Pardons Board, minister in the Prime Minister's Department (law and institutional reform), the Prime Minister's Department's Legal Affairs Division director-general and the government.

In his application filed in April, Najib is seeking a mandamus or-



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der to compel the respondents to respond and confirm the existence of the additional decree by the king in his sentence reduction on Jan 29 this year.

He also requests that if the additional decree exists, the respondents must enforce it and transfer him immediately from Kajang Prison to his residence in Kuala Lumpur to serve the rest of his sentence under house arrest.

Najib has been jailed in Kajang Prison since Aug 23, 2022, after being convicted of misappropriating RM42 million belonging to SRC International Sdn Bhd.

Following his conviction, he filed a petition for a royal pardon on Sept 2, 2022, which resulted in a reduction of his sentence from 12 years to six years, and his fine from RM210 million to RM50 million. **Bernama**