

Deny child porn convict 2nd chance, online petitioners tell Najib
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A petition has been started at the community petition platform Avaaz.org urging Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to deny a Malaysian student convicted of possessing child porn in the United Kingdom from being given another scholarship in Malaysia to further his studies.

Nur Fitri Azmeer Nordin, 23, who was studying at the Imperial College in London under a Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara) scholarship, was convicted of possessing more than 30,000 images of child porn and had been sentenced to five years' jail in the UK.

But Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal had said the government was considering an appeal, while Mara was considering offering Nur Fitri a "second chance" by allowing him continue studies in Malaysia.

The petition, which was started yesterday, had already gathered 800 signatures in less than a day.

The petitioner, Sabrina M from Malaysia, said she "strongly believes" that Nur Fitri did not deserve a scholarship in Malaysia.

"If he wants to continue his studies, he should be paying for it himself and I want his location to be disclosed as I want to know if there is a child predator living near me," the petition said.

The petition was even re-tweeted by Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin today, who appeared to give a tacit support to the voices objecting against Nur Fitri being given a second chance.

"Hope MARA is not wasting rakyat's money," he tweeted with the hashtag #NoSecondChance.

#NoSecondChance is currently trending in Malaysia on Twitter.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim has kept mum when asked about the matter, and declined to confirm if the federal government would appeal Nur Fitri's conviction. – May 6, 2015.

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