

## **'National embarrassment': Court upholds Najib's sentence, conviction**

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The Court of Appeal has today upheld Datuk Seri Najib Razak's conviction and sentence in the SRC International trial, maintaining the former prime minister's 12-year jail term and RM210 million fine for his role in the 1MDB-linked scandal.

Justice Datuk Abdul Karim Abdul Jalil said that the court had dismissed all appeals made by Najib.

The decision by three judges was unanimous, he said.

"He dishonestly misappropriated the money. We find no reason to disagree with the High Court," Abdul Karim said.

"The money was for Najib directly, indirectly and, in some cases, he used the money for political reasons."

He said the prosecution had proven all seven charges of abuse of power, criminal breach of trust and money laundering against Najib.

“This is no national interest as the appellant claimed for SRC. This is a national embarrassment,” Abdul Karim said in relations to how SRC International was run.

Meanwhile, lead counsel Tan Seri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah said the defence team will appeal against the verdict.

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