

Radzi remains Putrajaya MP as court dismisses Umno candidate's petition

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KUALA LUMPUR: Perikatan Nasional's Datuk Dr Radzi Jidin will remain the Putrajaya member of parliament following the dismissal of an election petition filed by Umno Putrajaya deputy division chief Datuk Ahmad Faisal Abdul Karim.

High Court judge Datuk Faizah Jamaludin made the decision and allowed Radzi's initial objection to the petition.

She said Faisal had failed to prove claims of corruption involving Radzi under Section 32(c) of the Election Offences Act 1954.

"I find the petition defective as it fails to adhere to Rule 4(1)(b) of the Election Petition Rules. Therefore, the petition is rejected and I order the petitioner (Faisal) to pay RM20,000 in costs to the respondent (Radzi)," she said.

Present during the proceedings, held online, were Radzi's counsel Yusfarizal Yusuff and Faisal's lawyer Datuk Mohd Hafarizam Harun.

Faisal, who is a registered voter in the constituency, had filed the petition on Jan 26, claiming that PN representatives had given RM150 to voters as inducement for them to cast their ballots in favour of Radzi.

He had alleged that messages in a WhatsApp group claimed that PN election workers had given the money to a man in the constituency.

He had also claimed that there were other voters who received the bribe.

In the 15th General Election in November last year, Radzi had wrested the BN stronghold seat from Umno stalwart Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor with a 2,310-vote majority.

Putrajaya had been held by Tengku Adnan for four terms prior to that.