

The Federal Government of Malaysia Has Not Filed Its Defence Over 130 Days After High Court Summons were Filed by Three Young Sabahan Women against a Claimed Months-Absent Teacher, Principal, & Ministry of Education

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On 22 December 2020, High Court Plaintiffs Rusiah binti Sabdarin (19 years old), Nur Natasha Allisya binti Hamali (19 years old), and Calvinia binti Angayung (19 years old) filed High Court Summons against these Five Defendants:

1. Mohd Jainal bin Jamran (their former Form 4 English teacher; transferred in early 2020)
2. Hj. Suid bin Hj. Hanapi (their former SMK Taun Gusi school principal; retired in early 2020)
3. Director-General of Education Malaysia
4. Minister of Education
5. Government of Malaysia

Today, over 130 days later, the Defendants still have no Defence filed at the High Court of Sabah & Sarawak in the proceedings of [BKI-22NCvC-88/11-2020](#). The Defendants are represented by the Attorney General Chambers.

After a Writ of Summons has been issued against Defendants and Defendants have entered their appearance, Defendants have 14 days to file their Defence under O. 18 r. 2 (Rules of Court 2012). The High Court of Sabah & Sarawak portal previously reported as its last case update,

“FINAL e-Review for the Defendants to file Defence is fixed on 4.6.2021.”

High Court Plaintiffs Rusiah, Natasha, and Calvinia of Kota Belud, Sabah, are supremely confident to proceed to a full public High Court trial against these Defendants by exercising their guaranteed rights under the Federal Constitution. Their litigation is the second such summons against these same Defendants (c.f. [BKI-22NCvC-101/10-2018](#) via then-18-year-old Siti Nafirah binti Siman also of Kota Belud, Sabah).

Further Court updates will be provided as needed.

BKI-22NCvC-88/11-2020 Dates

As reported by the Official Portal of the High Court in Sabah & Sarawak.

1. **22 December 2020** — High Court Summons Filed (0 days)
2. **4 January 2021** — High Court Mention (+14 days cumulative)
3. **8 February 2021** — High Court Mention (+49 days)
4. **11 March 2021** — High Court Mention (+80 days)
5. **20 April 2021** — High Court Mention (+120 days)
6. **5 May 2021** — Today (+135 days)