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Najib's lawyer Nur Syahirah Hanapiah said the additional dates for the trial was set by High Court

deputy registrar Catherine Nicholas during case management in her chambers yesterday.

"The court has set Aug 11 and 12 to continue hearing the case, while the additional dates are Sept 6 to 9, Oct 4 to 7 and Oct 20 and 21."

So far, seven prosecution witnesses, including former chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa and former auditor-general Tan Sri Ambrin

Buang, have been called to testify at the trial.

Najib, 67, is charged with using his position to order amendments to the 1MDB final audit report which was already "finalised" by auditor-general before the report was "finalised again" and presented before the Public Accounts Committee to avoid any action being taken against him.

Arul Kanda, 44, is charged with

abetting Najib in making amendments to the report to protect the Pekan MP from being subjected to disciplinary, civil or criminal action. Both were charged under Section 23(1) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, which carries a jail term of up to 20 years, a fine of not less than five times the amount of gratification or RM10,000, whichever is higher.
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