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NAJIB'S KNEE PAIN SEES TRIAL DEFERRED

Proceedings paused for 2 days as ex-PM admitted to Kuala Lumpur Hospital

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DATUK Seri Najib Razak was admitted to Kuala Lumpur Hospital (HKL) on Monday due to acute knee pain, the High Court heard yesterday.

Thus, the incarcerated former prime minister's corruption trial was postponed for two days starting yesterday.

HKL Orthopaedic and Traumatology Department senior consultant Dr Siti Hawa Tahir informed the court of this during the hearing of the case before judge Datuk Collin Lawrence Sequerah yesterday.

"Najib was given a two-day medical certificate," she said, adding that he was given a strong

analgesic for his pain.

"He is on opioids. We want him to be able to walk comfortably with no other complications.

"He has complained of drowsiness since we started prescribing him the medication last night, and possibly other symptoms as well, but I have not seen him this morning," she said while taking the witness stand.

Najib, 71, face four charges of using his position to obtain bribes totalling RM2.3 billion from 1Malaysia Development Bhd and 21 charges of money laundering involving the same amount.

For the money laundering charges, the former Pekan member of parliament is accused of committing the offences between March 22, 2013, and Aug 30, 2013.

