

Najib's RM27mil case to go on

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AGC rejects his request to review money laundering charges

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KUALA LUMPUR: The RM27mil money laundering case involving Datuk Seri Najib Razak and SRC International Sdn Bhd will go on now that the Attorney General's Chambers has rejected the former prime minister's plea to review the charges.

During case management yesterday, deputy public prosecutor Mohd Ashroff Adrin Kamarul informed Justice K. Muniandy that the AGC had rejected the former Pekan MP's representation.

He said the prosecution was ready to proceed with the trial but sought a later hearing date to sort out the documents in the case.

"There are 807 exhibits tendered in the previous SRC International trial.

"Many of the exhibits in that trial are required in this trial and that will require a bit of time. We humbly seek a longer trial date," he said.

Najib's lead counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, in his reply, urged the court to grant a discharge not amounting to an



Court day: Najib (in suit) being escorted upon arrival at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex. — Bernama

acquittal (DNAA) due to the prolonged delay in the case.

A DNAA means a person is discharged from the charges without being acquitted and could face future prosecution for the same offence.

Justice Muniandy then fixed June 20 to deliver his decision on whether to set trial dates or grant a DNAA.

On Feb 3, 2019, Najib claimed trial to three charges of money laundering by accepting proceeds from unlawful activities amounting to RM27mil through his three AmPrivate Banking accounts at AmIslamic Bank Berhad, AmBank Group Building, Jalan Raja Chulan on July 8, 2014, under Section 4(1)(a) of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terro-

rism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001.

He faces a maximum fine of RM5mil or imprisonment of up to five years, or both, if convicted.

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