

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT MALAYA.

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 3 OF 1973

Long Adjournments

Some Presidents and Magistrates postpone the hearing of criminal cases which have been part-heard, to a date six or seven months in the future. This matter has been brought to the notice of the Chief Justice by newspaper reports and I have been instructed to direct all Presidents and Magistrates that when once a case has started it should, if possible, be heard from day to day until completion. Cutting up hearings in civil and criminal cases with long time lapses is a most undesirable practice, for many reasons. Some of them are:

- (1) The President or Magistrates has to re-read his notes before continuing on with the case on the adjourned date.
- (2) Prosecuting Officers and Counsel for the parties also have to read their notes every time the case is resumed.
- (3) Most serious of all, the accused person will have a charge hanging over his head for a long time.

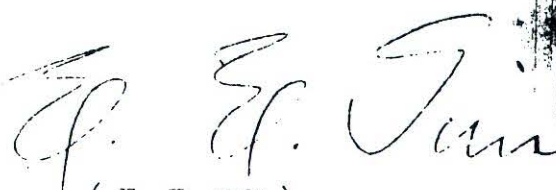
2. The attention of all Presidents and Magistrates is also called to Registrar's Circular No. 3 of 1960 on the subject of "Adjournments in Criminal Cases" a copy of which is attached herewith.

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3. Presidents and Magistrates are also advised to read the following Registrar's Circulars on the subject of "Applications For Adjournment by Counsel" (Registrar's Circular No. 1 of 1961 and Registrar's Circular No. 2 of 1963, respectively) copies of which are also attached.



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