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Adib inquest: Verdict on Sept 27

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PETALING JAYA: The verdict of the inquest into the death of firefighter Muhammad Adib Mohamad Kassim will be delivered at 10am on Sept 27.

Coroner Rofiah Mohammad, who presided over the five-month proceedings, announced at the High Court here yesterday that the inquest was officially closed after she received submissions from all parties.

The inquest into Adib's death

began on Feb 11 and ended on July 24.

A total of 30 witnesses took the stand, including Hospital Canselor Tuanku Mukhriz pathology expert Prof Dr Shahrom Abd Wahid and Hospital Kuala Lumpur forensic expert Dr Ahmad Hafizam Hasmi.

Adib was part of a nine-man team that responded to a distress call from a temple where rioters were protesting its relocation on Nov 27 last year.

During the riot, Adib sustained severe injuries.

He was hospitalised for three

weeks before succumbing to his injuries on Dec 17.

During the inquest, it was revealed that Adib's death was due to acute respiratory distress syndrome and multiple organ failure.

An inquest was commissioned as there were no conclusive findings on how he was wounded during the riots.

Police investigations revealed there were two probabilities that could have led to Adib's death - that he was beaten by the rioters or that he was run over by a fire truck.