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Court rules Palma tax fraud trial of Spain's Princess Cristina must go ahead

THE trial of Spain's Princess Cristina on charges of tax fraud must go ahead, a court ruled yesterday, throwing out an appeal by her lawyers in a case that has badly damaged the image of the royal family. The 50-year-old sister of King Felipe is one of 18 people on trial following a six-year investigation into the Noos

Foundation, a charity run by her husband Inaki Urdangarin. Prosecutors say Noos was used to embezzle millions of euros in public funds and that Urdangarin, who is also on trial, exploited his royal connections to win public contracts to stage events through the non-profit organisation. Cristina de Borbon is charged with two counts of being an ac-

cessory to tax fraud and, if found guilty, could face up to four years in prison for each charge - a maximum of eight years. Her lawyers had asked judges to drop the criminal charges against her and the state prosecutor said there was insufficient evidence to back up the accusations.

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