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TURK ACQUITTED OF MURDER TO FINISH BOOK ON HIS EXPERIENCE

IPOH, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- One of the two Turks who were acquitted by the High Court here today of a charge of murdering a Canadian in Tapah two years ago, plans to finish a book he has started to write, on his experience during the trial.

Olmez Orhan, who was freed together with his countryman, Kocaslan Hidayet, said he started writing the book during the preliminary inquiry early last year.

"I have just a few more pages to add before I conclude the book," he told reporters after the acquittal.

Justice Datuk P.S. Gill ruled that the prosecution had failed to establish a prime facie case against the duo who were jointly charged with the murder of John Gatley near Tapah Road, Tapah in February 1994.

Orhan said that he would leave for Melbourne soon to join his wife and three sons, aged between 11 and 14 years, there.

Hidayet, who is still single, will be leaving for his hometown in Ankara once the Turkish embassy in Kuala Lumpur has furnished him with travel documents as his passport has expired.

Orhan said it was a fair trial. He thanked the government and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for exercising the law justly irrespective of whether it was for locals or foreigners. -- BERNAMA

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