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`Let me face my son's killer on the day he is to hang'

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KANOWIT, Sun. - Medan anak Nunyin, father of the late Mathew Medan, is appealing to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to help him face Amin Mohammed Razali, the man who ordered his son's death, on the day he is to hang.

At his Nangka Wan longhouse about 60km from Sibu, Medan, 62, said he wished to show the Al Mai'Unah group leader "the grief of a father".

He was upset that the Sauk (Kedah) incident in July last year was dismissed by a political party as having been staged.

"Sandiwara? The best that Pas could have done was to apologise to me when the incident occurred. They could have done it through the media or met me personally.

"They should realise that when we heard the news he had been tortured and killed, my wife collapsed and all members of my family broke down.

"In fact, following our Iban custom, I would have tracked him down myself to seek repayment in blood, but I'm satisfied with the court's decision that my son's killers are sentenced to death."

"How can they say it was a sandiwara when my son's body was lying here," said Medan, pointing to the spot on the verandah of the 15-door longhouse.

"I thank the Prime Minister and members of the State Government, including Ministers, who paid their respects at the funeral."

Medan said when Dr Mahathir came to Kuching last year, he had appealed to the Prime Minister to allow him to see Amin. "I want to take a look at him for he is as young as my son and just to satisfy myself and be more at peace."

Medan has found some consolation in the fact that Mathew died honourably in the line of duty and in defence of his country.

He said he still encourages the young to join the armed forces, and five from his longhouse have done so.

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