

PKR urges reopening probe into Altantuya's death

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PKR today urged the government to reopen investigations into the death of Mongolian translator Altantuya Shaariibuu and also the drafting of private eye P Balasubramaniam's second statutory declaration (SD2).

PKR vice-president Tian Chua said this following a statement by former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan that there is sufficient evidence to recommence a probe into the case yesterday.

"Now many people who were directly involved in the case have admitted to new evidence," Tian Chua (left in photo) said during a press conference today.

Musa Hassan's statement follows statements made by Bala himself that his first SD, the one that implicated caretaker Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his wife Rosmah Mansor in Altantuya's death, was true.

After Bala's death from a sudden heart attack last month, his lawyer Americk Sidhu told the Bar AGM that renowned lawyer Cecil Abraham had personally admitted to drafting Bala's second SD, which claims the first SD was made under duress, under Najib's orders.

Carpet trader Deepak Jaikishan also said that there were attempts to bribe Bala over SD2.

However, attorney-general Gani Patail had remained coy about reopening investigations into Altantuya's death.

"There are serious consequence to the AG not saying anything," Tian Chua said, stressing there was enough prima facie evidence to kick-start another probe.

Meanwhile, Tian Chua laughed off Sabah State Affairs and Research secretary Dr Moktar Ajam's statement that the former was banned from entering Sabah on Sunday for Tian Chua's "own safety", as his statements had sparked anger among Sabahans.

"This is ridiculous. It's like putting someone under ISA for their own safety," he quipped.

"They might do this do opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim as well, because reportedly many Sabahans are unhappy with him," he said.

PKR's Johari Abdul, on the other hand, demanded that the government clarify whether the armed forces' Kor Risik arm is doing political intelligence work for the government.

This follows claims by retired armed forces general Ghafir Abdul Hamid that the armed forces intelligence arm had been doing political intelligence over the past decade.

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