

IGP: AmBank founder's murder not linked to 1MDB

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Police have poured cold water on rumours that AmBank founder Hussain Ahmad Najadi was murdered because he wanted to expose the 1MDB scandal.

Inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar (photo) said there was no link between the murder and the 1MDB case.

"I confirm that there was no police report lodged by Hussain on the day before his murder that there was a (large) deposit.

"There is no link between Hussain's murder and the 1MDB case, none whatsoever," he said.

Speaking to reporters at KL Sentral, the top cop said police already know the motive behind the murder, and the killer had been sentenced last year.

He added the allegations had originated from a blog which prompted Hussain's son, Pascal Najadi, to make similar allegations.

"He made the allegation after reading the blog which means someone else made the claims first," Khalid said.

He said police were investigating the source of the rumour and will take action against those who spread false news.

DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang has urged the police to re-open the murder case.

Murder related to a land dispute

Speculation on whether Hussain's murder was linked to the 1MDB scandal was aroused after an expose alleged that RM2.6 billion had been deposited into Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal accounts.

One of those accounts was reportedly in AmBank.

Hussain was shot dead outside the Kuan Yin temple in Jalan Ceylon, Kuala Lumpur on July 29, 2013.

Police believed his murder was related to his attempt to mediate in a land dispute where he sought to stop the acquisition of a temple land for development.

Towtruck driver Koong Swee Kwan was found guilty for committing the murder last year and was sentenced to death.

In an interview in March this year, Pascal (photo) however claimed the main suspect was still at large.

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