

'Sirul receiving orders from Rosmah a hoax'

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A message circulating on social media that former police commando Sirul Azhar Umar was going to confess to the murder of Mongolian national Altantuya Shaariibuu on the orders of prime minister's wife Rosmah Mansor is a hoax, reported Utusan Online.

Sirul's lawyer Hasnal Reza Merican dismissed the news as a rumour, saying that this appeared to be an attempt to get at Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak amid allegations that he had taken US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) in state funds.

"Having personally talked to Sirul, he strongly denied the information including claims that he would be attending a proceeding in court," Hasnal was quoted as saying.

The rumour was circulated in the social media, particularly on the WhatsApp platform, since last night.

The message read: "Hot news! From Herald Sun Australia - Detained murderer of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaariibuu, Sirul Azhar Umar (bodyguard of PM Najib Razak) will testify next week in Australian court that he was under order from Rosmah Mansor (PM Najib's wife" to kill her for blackmailing her husband."

To date, there has been no record of such news from Australia's Herald Sun.

"I have also contacted Herald Sun Australia and they also denied the rumour," said Hasnal.

"They did not have any information nor are they planning to publish any news about Sirul Azhar."

On Jan 13, the Federal Court reinstated the death sentence on Sirul and another police commando, Azilah Hadri, for the murder of Altantuya nine years ago.

However, Sirul fled to Australia before the verdict and claimed that he was only carrying out orders, though he did not mention who issued the said instruction.

Sirul is currently being held at an immigration detention centre in Australia as the country is against death sentences and therefore cannot deport him to face such a punishment.

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