

## **AG: Missing DPP not involved in 1MDB probe**

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The missing deputy head of the appellate and trial division in the Attorney-General's Chambers, Anthony Kevin Morais, is not involved in any investigation pertaining to 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), Attorney-General Mohamed Apandi Ali clarified today.

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) cases which Kevin is handling in his current portfolio are cases which he brought along with him for purposes of continuity of prosecution, added Apandi.

"As the police investigation into Mr Morais' unexplained disappearance is ongoing, the Attorney-General's Chambers strongly urges against any speculation over his whereabouts," he said.

In a statement today, Apandi also clarified that Kevin (photo) was transferred back to the chambers from MACC with effect from July 15, 2014 where he assumed the post of deputy head of the appellate and trial division.

The Attorney-General's Chambers is cooperating with the police in the investigation, he said.

"The friends and colleagues of Mr Morais in chambers share the concern of his family on his reported disappearance. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time," he added.

On Saturday, inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar confirmed a missing persons report was lodged at the Jinjang police station over the disappearance of Kevin.

### **Brother believes Kevin still alive**

Meanwhile, Kevin's brother pleaded with Malaysians to help him find his missing sibling, The Star reports today.

Speaking from Georgia, in the United States, Charles Morais said he last spoke to the 55-year-old on Thursday. He said he would fly to Malaysia on Wednesday.

"I believe he is still alive, but I am afraid of what they might do to him.

"He must have made enemies via his job," he was quoted as saying.

He also pleaded with Khalid (photo) and the home ministry to increase efforts to find his brother.

"How can a public prosecutor disappear like this in a government-issued vehicle? I hope the IGP and the home ministry will make this their first and only priority," Charles said.

Kevin was reported missing on Saturday. He was reportedly last seen driving a Proton Perdana last Friday.

The discovery of a burnt car in Kampung Sungai Samak, Hilir Perak had fuelled speculations of a link to the missing man.

According to Berita Harian yesterday, police found the remains of a car resembling a Proton Perdana in an oil palm plantation about three kilometres off the main road, far from any residential area.

There are elements of premeditation, Hilir Perak district police chief assistant commissioner Mohd Shuhaily Mohd Zain reportedly said, but the make of the car could not be verified as the model number had been destroyed in the fire.

He added it is still too soon to say if the burnt car is linked to the DPP's disappearance.

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