

Al Jazeera journalist declines comment on police probe

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Al Jazeera journalist Mary Ann Jolley, who investigated the Altantuya Shaariibuu murder for the global broadcaster's 101 East programme, said Malaysian police have yet to contact her over their probe on her report.

"As such, I cannot comment further on the matter," she said in an email response to Malaysiakini.

Jolley was deported back to Australia in June while she was on her second visit to Malaysia to investigate the 2006 murder that has gripped the nation.

Yesterday, inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar vowed to launch an investigation on Jolley's 'Murder in Malaysia' report under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code for "statements with the intent to cause, or is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public."

The 30-minute documentary on the grisly murder of Altantuya (photo) went on air yesterday.

It revisited the murder where two of then deputy prime minister Najib Abdul Razak's bodyguards were convicted for the murder.

Azilah Hadri is awaiting death sentence while Sirul Umar Azhar has fled to Australia.

Following orders

The murder remains a mystery as the motive was never established.

The documentary claimed that Sirul was trying to bargain with the powers-that-be over what he knows and he had publicly said he was following orders from his superiors. He however refused to reveal who made the order.

Najib's associate Abdul Razak Baginda was also charged for abetting murder but was acquitted in 2008. There was no appeal.

Najib has vehemently denied any links to the murder.

"Prime Minister Najib Razak did not know, has never met, has never had any communication with and has no link whatsoever with the deceased," said the Prime Minister's Office in the documentary.

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