

Altantuya's father lambasts PM, DPM
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The father of a Mongolian national brutally killed in Malaysia today hit out at the deputy prime minister's denial that he had any links to her and said questions remained over her death.

Setev Shaariibuu (photo) said the world would be watching when two members of an elite police squad which guards top leaders go on trial for his daughter's murder next month.

Altantuya Shaariibuu, 28, was murdered in October last year and her body blown up with explosives in a case that has shocked Malaysians.

Deputy Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak was forced to deny any involvement after political analyst Abdul Razak Baginda, with whom he is connected, was charged with abetting the crime.

"I take note that Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak has denied ... that he was in any manner related to my murdered daughter Altantuya," Shaariibuu said in a statement to the government and Malaysian media.

"But I would like to remind dear Mr Najib and also Prime Minister of Malaysia Abdullah Ahmad Badawi that the crime was committed by your security officers."

Seeking compensation

He added: "The whole world is watching when the trial is held in June. That's why (the) Malaysian government should handle the crime with high responsibility."

The statement dated May 2 was released through a coalition of Mongolian non-government groups championing Altantuya's case, and disseminated Thursday by rights group Suaram.

M Munkhsaruul, coordinator with the Mongolian National Center Against Violence leading the coalition, told AFP it was assisting Shaariibuu, who cannot speak English, with trauma counselling and translation services.

"We have lost Altantuya for almost seven months and we are still grieving her ... I do not think Altantuya will rest in peace until all these questions are answered," said Shaariibuu, who also called for compensation from Malaysia.

Police have said Altantuya was kidnapped from outside the home of Abdul Razak, who admitted in January he had an affair with her but wanted her out of his life after she demanded money.

Her remains were found in an isolated area in November.

Abdul Razak and the two officers are due to stand trial from June 4.