

Guan Eng: Review all judgments by Fairuz, Eusoff
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The follow-up investigations into the individuals found to have committed several offences by the royal commission of inquiry into the VK Lingam tape should zero in on two key individuals, said Lim Guan Eng today.
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lim guan engAccording to Bernama, the Penang chief minister opined that investigations should focus on the roles of former chief justices Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim and Eusoff Chin had in the scandal.

Yesterday, de facto law minister Zaid Ibrahim revealed that the cabinet has agreed that the Attorney General's Chambers institute immediate investigations against six individuals said to have committed several offences.

They are former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad, senior lawyer Lingam, Umno secretary-general and former minister Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, business tycoon Vincent Tan, Ahmad Fairuz and Eusoff.

In its 191-page report, the commission recommended that they be investigated under a slew of laws - Sedition Act, Official Secrets Act, Penal Code, Prevention of Corruption Act and the Legal Profession Act.

"The report is advisory in nature so (the AG) will have to investigate them later," he told reporters.

Zaid later urged the media and public to allow the investigation process to proceed uninterrupted without undue pressure or prejudice.

Almost five months of hard work

Lim who is also DAP secretary-general said judgments made by the two former chief justices also needed to be reviewed as they might not have been fair.

vk lingam scandal mahathir eusoff chin adnan fairuz vincent lingamEusoff was chief justice from 1994 to 2000 while Ahmad Fairuz was made the top man in the judiciary on 2003 to 2007.

In January, former Chief Judge of Malaya Haidar Mohd Noor led a five-member commission to investigate the controversial video clip allegedly showing Lingam brokering judicial appointments with former chief justice Ahmad Fairuz over the telephone.

After conducting the inquiry for 17 days with 21 witnesses called, the commission took almost three months to come up with the voluminous report.

Commission chairperson Haidar submitted the report to the King last Friday.

The four-volume report, priced at RM542.10, will be available next week from the government printers.

While volume one - which is the report itself - has only 191 pages, volume two containing the notes of evidence is 1,187 pages long, while volume three contains all the statutory declarations submitted to the commission (513 pages) and the final volume contains the exhibits (998 pages).

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