

Cops deny RPK claim over businessman's death, say probe ongoing
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 – Businessman Datuk Patrick Wong's 2009 murder has not been changed to an accidental death by falling nor is the case closed to protect the interests of certain parties as Raja Petra Kamarudin alleged, the police said today.

Police criminal investigation director Datuk Seri Mohd Bakri Mohd Zinin took to Facebook to refute the controversial blogger's claims that was posted on the latter's Malaysia Today website.

"The police rebuts the insinuation that we have ruled Datuk Patrick Wong's death as an accidental fall. From the very beginning, the case has been classified as murder under Section 302 of the Penal Code," he said in a brief press statement.

"The case is not closed and investigation is still ongoing," he said and urged members of the public with information on the businessman's case to help the police.

In his posting yesterday titled "Episode 2: The Murder Of A Whistle Blower" the blogger known as RPK claimed that Wong was murdered in 2009 after he had uncovered evidence of sand theft under the Selangor Pakatan Rakyat government.

He related that he met Wong in the United Kingdom earlier that year and was told that PKR was milking the "multi-million ringgit" sand mining business in Selangor, "one of the many cash cows of the previous Barisan Nasional government."

The self-exiled Selangor prince wrote that he asked the former Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) president to gather more evidence for him but "a couple of weeks later, Dato' Patrick was murdered."

Police had said that Wong fell to his death in his Bangsar home when fleeing from burglars but Raja Petra cited "deep throats" in the police and underworld crime syndicates as confirming that "it was not a robbery; it was an assassination 'related to some business matters'."

"The fact that he was murdered (and that the police are covering up this fact) at the time he was working on getting the evidence I needed makes me want to suspect that a lot of money has changed hands to make this murder appear like an 'innocent' robbery gone wrong," he said.

The blog post was picked up by Umno-controlled Malay-language press such as Berita Harian and Utusan Malaysia, which frontpaged the story.

Raja Petra has also written in his website today accusing two Selangor PKR assemblymen of receiving bribes to support an application to mine sand in the state.

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