

Ex-Sabah CM Yong ordered to pay RM1m for defamation
The Malaysian Insider
February 29 , 2012
By Clara Chooi

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 29 — Former Sabah chief minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee was ordered today to pay RM1 million in damages for committing libel against another ex-chief minister, Tan Sri Harris Salleh.

According to Star Online, Harris had filed a RM50 million suit against Yong in July 2010, accusing the Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) president of defaming him through news reports that quoted him as calling for a re-investigation of an air crash in 1976.

The news reports, said the daily, were on the Sabah Air Nomad aircraft that crashed on June 6 that year, killing then-chief minister Tun Fuad Stephens and several state ministers.

According to previous news reports, Yong had made the call following Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah's revelation in 2010 that Harris had asked him to leave the ill-fated plane to join him on another flight on the day of the crash.

Following Tengku Razaleigh's disclosure of new information regarding the crash, Yong called for a re-investigation of the incident.

The Malaysian Insider
Copyright © 2012 The Malaysian Insider
Source: <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/ex-sabah-cm-yong-ordered-to-pay-rm1m-for-defamation/>