

RM100 Million Civil Suit Filed By Altantuya's Family Likely Amended
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SHAH ALAM, March 13 (Bernama) -- The RM100 million civil suit filed by the family of Altantuya Shaariibuu in connection with the death of the Mongolian woman is likely to be amended based on new evidence contained in the appeal records of the Federal Court.

Counsel Ramkarpal Singh, who represented Altantuya's father, Shaariibuu Setev and three family members, said the case management of the suit was fixed for April 23 by Shah Alam High Court deputy registrar Asyida Abd Rahim@Ibrahim on Friday.

He said the relevant documents and appeal records on the conviction and death sentence on former Special Action Unit personnel Chief Inspector Azilah Hadri and Corporal Sirul Azhar Umar for Altantuya's murder was received from the Federal Court last week.

"We have received many records on the case and require time to research before the possibility of the statement of claim in the suit is being amended," he told reporters when met at the lobby of the High Court here.

On June 4, 2007, Setev and Altantuya's mother, Altantsetseg Sanjaa and her two sons, Mungunshagai Bayarjargal and Altanshagai Munkhtulga named Azilah, Sirul Azhar, political analyst Abdul Razak Abdullah Baginda and the government as defendants in the suit.

In the suit, Altantuya's family is claiming RM100 million in compensation.

Abdul Razak was charged with abetting with Azilah and Sirul Azhar in the murder of Altantuya, 28, in 2006.

He was acquitted by the High Court in October 2008 without calling for his defence while Azilah and Sirul Azhar were convicted of the offence in 2009.

On Aug 23, 2013, the Court of Appeals allowed the appeal by Azilah and Sirul Azhar by acquitting them.

However last Jan 13, the Federal Court set aside Azilah and Sirul Azhar's acquittal and sentenced them to death after granting the prosecution's appeal against the duo's acquittal.

In the statement of claim, Altantuya's family alleged that her death had caused them mental shock and psychological trauma, entitling them to be compensated with exemplary and aggravated damages.

They alleged that Altantuya was shot dead and her body blown up with C-4 explosives by Azilah and Sirul Azhar who were policemen in the Special Unit Force, and her remains were subsequently found in a forest area in Puncak Alam, Shah Alam on Nov 7, 2006.

They claimed that Azilah and Sirul Azhar had acted unconstitutionally and abused the trust placed in them as officers of the Royal Malaysian Police and servants of the Malaysian government.

The family claimed that as a result of the acts of Azilah, Sirul Azhar and Abdul Razak, they had suffered loss and damage, particularly Altantuya's two sons, who had lost the love of their mother and sole breadwinner.

The civil suit, which was filed more than six years ago, was postponed as the High Court wanted the criminal proceeding pertaining to the case to be settled first.

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