

Reopen Altantuya case, Dr M's questions need answers, says former IGP

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Tan Sri Musa Hassan, who was the inspector-general of police (IGP) at the height of the Altantuya Shaariibuu murder investigation, today said police must answer the questions asked by former prime minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the case.

He said Dr Mahathir should not be blamed for asking questions nor should he be hauled up under the Sedition Act as demanded by certain quarters.

"Right now, Dr Mahathir did not commit any offence. (You) want (police) to investigate him for what?

"He is merely asking questions, who gave the order (to kill Altantuya)? Can that be deemed as seditious?" he asked.

"He wants to know who gave the order. So, the police investigation, if possible, should focus on finding the answer to this," he told The Malaysian Insider.

Earlier, the former IGP tweeted that police must reopen investigations into the 9-year-old murder case so that all Dr Mahathir's questions can be answered.

"Tun Mahathir tidak melakukan kesalahn beliau menyuarakan pertanyaan harap penyiasatan polis dpt menjawab segala pertanyaan Tun, (Dr Mahathir did nothing wrong in asking questions, hope police investigation will be able to answer all his queries).

Dr Mahathir had recently asked who had given the order to the two policemen convicted of the murder, to carry out the deed.

He also said that that he had not accused Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak of murdering the Mongolian woman but only wanted to know who had ordered her killing.

Last week, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar was reported as saying that Dr Mahathir's comments on the case was not seditious.

He added that it was possible that the former PM did not know about the actions that have been carried out by the police, prompting him to ask about the murder case.

On April 8, Solidarity Anak Malaysia (SAMM) in Pahang, Penang dan Selangor had lodged separate police reports against Dr Mahathir for allegedly making seditious statements against Najib.

The group said the reports were related to his statements on his blog which covered several issues including the Altantuya murder.

Former police commando corporal Sirul Azhar Umar and ex-chief inspector Azilah Hadri were charged with the murder in 2006 and convicted in 2009.

They were freed after the appellate court acquitted them in 2013, but the Federal Court reversed the acquittal in January this year and sent them back to hang.

Sirul however, was already in Australia when the verdict was delivered. – April 14, 2015.

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