

Government Ordered To Pay RM600,000 In Damages To Late Teoh Beng Hock's Family
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- The government today agreed to pay RM600,000 in damages to the family of the late Teoh Beng Hock as settlement in a negligence suit filed by the family against the government and 13 others over his death.

High Court judge Datuk Rosnaini Saub recorded the consent judgment after counsel Gobind Singh Deo, representing Teoh's family, informed the court that both parties had agreed to settle the civil suit.

Beng Hock's father, Teoh Leong Hwee, and mother, Teng Shuw Hoi, as well as fiance, Soh Cher Wei and their son, Teoh Er Jia, were named the plaintiffs in the suit which was filed on Oct 3, 2012.

They named the government, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and 12 others as defendants.

In the statement of claim, the plaintiffs stated that MACC had wrongfully attacked Beng Hock, causing him to be in fear and under extreme duress.

As such, the family was seeking damages for loss of consortium, sorrow and negligence.

The political aide to a Selangor government executive committee member was found dead on the fifth floor of Plaza Masalam, Shah Alam on July 16, 2009, after he was interrogated at the MACC office on the 14th Floor of the same building.

In the statement of defence, the 14 defendants said Teoh's death was as a result of his own actions.

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