

**No Evidence To Show PM Played Any Role In Altantuya's Murder Case, Says AG
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- The evidence gathered in an exhaustive legal process did not at all show that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak played any role in the murder case of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaariibuu in 2006, says Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali.

In a statement today, Mohamed Apandi said that at no time during the exhaustive legal process did the name of the Prime Minister come up in any culpable manner.

He was responding to accusations by "certain parties and individuals both in the print and electronic media" linking the Prime Minister to the murder case of Altantuya.

Mohamed Apandi said: "The most remote connection was that Abdul Razak Abdullah aka Razak Baginda sought the assistance of the Prime Minister's aide-de-camp, then DSP Musa Safri, to get a police officer to help him over a personal matter. DSP Musa thereafter requested one of the accused persons, Chief Inspector Azilah Hadri, to meet Razak Baginda.

"Therefore, the attempts by the parties and individuals mentioned above to somehow connect the Prime Minister to the murder case is completely without basis."

Mohamed Apandi also said that Azilah testified that DSP Musa played no other role nor gave any instructions on the matter.

He said DSP Musa was also offered to the defence as a witness.

He stressed that the murder trial of Altantuya was a comprehensive one and all relevant witnesses were called to testify.

"Every piece of evidence and testimonies of witnesses were subjected subsequently to intense curial scrutiny by both the Court of Appeal and the Federal Court," said the Attorney-General.

He said the other accused, L/Corporal Sirul Azhar Umar, in his statement from the dock implicated no one except Razak Baginda and throughout the whole episode he acted upon Azilah's orders.

Mohamed Apandi also said the late private investigator, P.Balasubramaniam, too never mentioned any role played by the Prime Minister, whether in his statement to the police or in his testimony in court.

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