

Morais: Focus Is On Site Body Of Morais Was Found

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- A swamp with thick smelly, yellow-blackish water choked with garbage in USJ 1, Subang Jaya, near here, has become the focus of public attention since yesterday.

Located at the side of a main road, flanked by shrubs and only about 100 metres from the rear fence of a school, no one thought it could become the scene of a crime.

Less than 300 metres from the site was a row of shophouses which were always crowded, and a convenience store which operated on a 24-hour basis.

Nonetheless, that was what had taken place, after a used oil drum filled with concrete was found in the swamp, hiding the body of Anthony Kevin Morais, who went missing since Sept 4.

A Bernama visit to the location today, found many people visiting the place to see for themselves the spot where the body of the Attorney-General's Department Trials and Appeals Division deputy head was found.

A resident, who declined to be identified, said he had never passed by the area since residing in the area, but did so after the finding of Morais' body became the talk of neighbours.

"Quite shocking too, as it is unexpected. The place (swamp) is deep, and is connected to the Klang River via a ditch," he said.

Another resident opted to differ, describing the area as a crime hotspot.

"Indeed, there was big case here before. People found Sosilawati's car near the Angsana Flats five years ago, it is quite near here," he said.

Prior to this, the black BMW X5 which was used by Datuk Sosilawati Lawiya, was found at the flats, as reported by the media, which is less than a kilometre from the spot Morais' body was found.

The cosmetics millionaire disappeared with three other victims on Aug 30, 2010 before the story of their gruesome murder was splashed in the media on Sept 12, 2010. Their bodies were burned in a plantation in Banting and their ashes thrown into a nearby river.

Bernama, in the meantime, also visited a car workshop which was believed to have been used to hide Morais before he was murdered, but failed to glean any information from its workers.

The workshop was located about 300 metres from the swamp.

The drum, filled with concrete with Morais' body entombed inside, sank to the bottom of the swamp, forcing police to use a diving team to look for it in an operation which started at 6 am and ended at 10.30 am yesterday.

The drum was then lifted using a crane, according to the Bukit Aman CID director Datuk Seri Mohmad Salleh.

Morais' body is undergoing post-mortem at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital.

To date, five suspects, aged 22 to 52 years, were detained to help in investigation.

Morais, 55, was last seen leaving his flats at Menara Duta, Kuala Lumpur on Sept 4 to go to his office in Putrajaya by driving a grey Proton Perdana with registration number WA 6264Q.

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