

Kevin Morais' Case: Six Charged With Murder, Two For Abetment
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Six men have been charged with the murder of Deputy Public Prosecutor Anthony Kevin Morais while two others, including a military doctor, were accused of abetting the offence.

Seven of them were charged at the Magistrate's Court here while another was charged at Petaling Jaya Magistrate's Court.

There was no plea recorded after the charges were read by the court interpreter.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Datuk Abdul Razak Musa said doctor Colonel K. Kunasegaran and mechanic A. Murugan would receive the death sentence if convicted of the crime even though they were charged with abetting the murder of Kevin.

According to him, the law states that whoever is charged for abetment in any case also faced the same punishment as the sentence for the main offence.

"The only difference is when one is charged with 'attempting' to commit a crime in whatever case and he or she can be punished half of the main sentence," he told Bernama.

Kunasegaran, 52, was charged at the Magistrate's Court here today for abetting six men on the offence.

He was charged under Section 109 of the Penal Code read with Section 302 which carries the mandatory death sentence.

The six men, G. Gunasekaran, 47, R. Diniswaran, 23, A. Thinesh Kumar, 22, M. Vishwanath, 25, S. Nimalan, 22, and S. Ravi Chandaran, 44, are jointly charged with murdering Kevin, 55, on the way from Jalan Dutamas Raya, Sentul to No 1, Jalan USJ 1/6D, Subang Jaya, Selangor.

They were charged with committing the crime between 7 am and 8 pm on Sept 4 under Section 302 of the Penal Code which was read together with Section 34 of the same code.

They were all charged at the Kuala Lumpur Court and no plea was recorded after the charge was read by the court interpreter.

The prosecution comprised DPP Abdul Razak, Manoj Kurup and Ahmad Dusuki Mokhtar who told the court that they needed two more months for the post-mortem report and the chemistry report.

Magistrate Siti Radziah Kamardin later set Nov 30 for mention of the case.

Counsel M. Manoharan represented Diniswaran while Datuk Sivananthan and Datuk

Geethan Ram Vincent represented Kunasegaran. The other accused were not represented.

Meanwhile the court's public gallery was full of Kevin's family members including younger brothers Charles Suresh, 53, and Datuk Richard Dilaan, 49.

Several deputy public prosecutors and magistrates were also present. Media representatives and members of the public had been waiting for the proceedings to start since 9 am.

Richard when met by reporters said: "Everybody had done a good job. That's all I can say. (Now) we leave it in the hands of the court.

When asked on his feelings on the loss of his brother (Kevin), Richard only said "What do you think?" and declined to comment.

Meanwhile Murugan, 44, was charged at the Petaling Jaya Magistrate's Court.

Murugan was charged with abetting six men and Kunasegaran to carry out the crime at No 20 Desa Mentari here between 9.30 am and 8 pm on Sept 4.

The accused who was not represented, was charged before Magistrate Ahmad Solihin Abd Wahid.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Ishak Mohd Yusoff sought two months pending the post-mortem report and chemistry report.

The court set Nov 26 for case mention.

Kevin's remains were found in a cemented drum at Persiaran Subang Mewah, Subang Jaya, near here on Sept 16.

He was reported missing on Sept 4 and was last seen leaving his apartment at Menara Duta here to Putrajaya in a Proton Perdana with registration number WA6264Q.

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