

We will leave it to the police to find Kevin, says brother of missing DPP

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The family of deputy public prosecutor Kevin Anthony Morais, who is believed to have been abducted, is leaving it to the police to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

Kevin's brother, Datuk Richard Morais, said the family trusted the Malaysian police to do their job in locating Kevin, who has been missing since last Friday.

Richard was speaking to The Malaysian Insider after police announced yesterday that they had reclassified the case from a missing person's report to abduction after acquiring new leads.

"I have not heard anything yet from the police, but I am leaving it totally to them to investigate," Richard told The Malaysian Insider.

"I believe they will come up with something soon."

Richard, who lodged a missing person's report at the Jinjang police station on Saturday, said he did not want to speculate on the reasons behind his brother's abduction but would wait for news from the police.

"I do not want to speculate on this further. I would rather wait and leave it to our Malaysian police," he said.

In a separate interview with The Star earlier this week, Kevin's other brother, Charles, reportedly said the missing DPP must have made enemies through his job.

Speaking to The Star from Georgia, in the United States, Charles said his brother had kept anything related to his work a secret.

Kevin, who was with the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC), was seconded to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) where he served as legal and prosecution division deputy director for 10 years.

He returned to the AGC in July last year as the appellate and trial division deputy head.

During his time at MACC, he prosecuted corruption cases but was not involved in investigations into 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali said in a statement last week.

Yesterday, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said that police had reason to believe there was foul play involved in Kevin's disappearance.

"It is no longer a case of a missing person. We have leads to believe that he was abducted," he said.

Khalid also revealed that one of Morais's brothers was a witness in the investigation into the murder of Arab-Malaysian Development Bank founder Hussain Ahmad Najadi in 2013, but downplayed the connection between the cases.

"We will investigate that link as well but we have not seen anything there. We would have known by now if there was something," Khalid had said.

This was seconded by Richard, who expressed frustration at social media for linking the cases.

"The Najadi case has nothing to do with my brother's disappearance. That is an old story and was brought up on social media.

"There is no relevance of that case to my brother's disappearance. The person responsible (in Najadi's case) is also in prison now," he added.

Najadi, 75, was gunned down in July 2013 at a parking lot in front of a Chinese temple in Kuala Lumpur. His wife Cheong Mei Kuen, 51, was also shot but escaped with injuries to the hand and thigh.

To date, two people – the gunman and a taxi driver – have been charged in connection with the murder.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur CID chief Datuk Zainuddin Ahmad also revealed that closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage acquired along the highways the abductors used until Hutan Melintang, Perak, had led to the belief that Kevin was abducted.

He also said that some of the CCTVs were privately owned and promised to reveal more details at a later time.

Zainuddin also dismissed rumours on social media yesterday that Kevin's body had been found in Klang, with his hands and feet bound.

Kevin went missing on Friday after he left his Menara Duta apartment for work.

A call made by his friend at 10.30am went unanswered. An attempt to contact his mobile phone a few hours later was also futile.

The friend then called his office and was informed by Kevin's secretary that he had not turned up for work that day.

He was last seen driving a government-issued vehicle, a grey Proton Perdana bearing the registration number WA 6264 Q.

One day later, police found a burnt car in Hutan Melintang which has now been confirmed to be a Proton Perdana. However, it cannot be ascertained if it is Kevin's vehicle, as the chassis and engine numbers had been removed. – September 10, 2015.

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