

**6 charged with Kevin Morais's murder, doctor charged with abetment**  
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Six men were charged with murder while an army doctor was charged with abetment over the murder of deputy public prosecutor Anthony Kevin Morais earlier this month.

G. Govindan, 47; S. Nimalan, 22; S. Subramaniam, 44; A. Thinesh Kumar, 22; M. Vishwanath, 44; and R. Dinishwaran, 22 allegedly murder Morais between 7am and 8pm somewhere along Jalan Dutamas Raya in Sentul and Jalan USJ 1/6D in Subang Jaya on September 4.

Pathologist Dr R. Kunasegaran is charged with abetment.

Both offences carry the death penalty upon conviction.

No plea was taken when they were charged before magistrate Siti Radziah Kamarudin.

A lower court judge has no jurisdiction to hear a criminal matter that carries capital punishment.

Deputy public prosecutor (DPP) Datuk Abdul Razak Musa told the court that the police were awaiting the chemist and post-mortem reports.

The seven men will be remanded in prison pending the outcome of their trial, which will be held in the High Court later.

Siti Radziah then fixed for the case to be mentioned on November 30.

Also present were DPPs Manoj Kurup, who is Morais's immediate superior, and Dusuki Mohktar.

Datuk N. Sivananthan and Datuk Geethan Ram Vincent represented Dr Kunasegaran while M. Manoharan for Dinishwaran.

The others were unrepresented.

Lawyer Americk Sidhu held a watching brief for Morais's brother, Charles.

Morais's body was found in an oil drum filled with cement on September 16.

Police had earlier said that Morais was the DPP in the case where the military doctor, attached with the pathology lab at Tuanku Mizan Military Hospital, was charged with unlawful trade in December 2013.

In September last year, the doctor, who was on a RM100,000 bail, had claimed trial to two bribery charges involving RM700,000 for allegedly recommending three companies to supply medicine and disposable medical tools to the hospital.

Morais's brothers – Charles, David and Datuk Richard – are believed to be unhappy over the uncertainty over the cause of death, and have yet to claim the body pending the complete post-mortem report.

Morais went missing on September 4 after he was abducted by several men following a fender bender along Jalan Dutamas in Kuala Lumpur during morning rush hour traffic.

He was grabbed by the suspects after he came out of his car to inspect the damage.

Richard lodged a missing person's report the following day at the Jinjang police station after it was discovered his brother had not reported for work and calls to his two mobile phones went unanswered.

Police then found a burnt Proton Perdana, with its chassis and engine numbers erased, in a plantation in Hutan Melintang, Perak. Morais was last seen driving a government-issued Proton Perdana.

Morais served as DPP with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) for 10 years until he returned to the Attorney-General's Chambers in July last year.

Twelve days after his abduction, police were led to a swamp in Taman Subang Mewah in USJ 1, Subang Jaya, where they found Morais's body in a cement-filled steel drum.

It was also reported that police made several arrests in the Klang Valley, Penang and Kedah in their investigations. – September 28, 2015.

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