

Missing DPP not part of 1MDB task force, says A-G

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Missing deputy public prosecutor (DPP) Kevin Anthony Morais was not part of the government task force investigating the controversial 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), Attorney-General (A-G) Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali said today.

Apandi was addressing speculations on social media about the possible links between Morais's disappearance and the high-profile probe into the state investment vehicle, which also involves Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"He has nothing to do with the 1MDB investigations," Apandi told The Malaysian Insider in a text message this afternoon.

Morais, who was attached with the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC), was reported missing on Friday after he left his Menara Duta residence for work.

Sources said Morais had left home driving a government-issued vehicle, a grey Proton Perdana bearing a registration WA6264Q at about 9am.

A call made by his friend at 10.30am went unanswered. An attempt to make a call to Morais's handphone a few hours later also turned futile.

After Morais failed to turn up for work on Friday, a relative lodged a report at the Jinjang police station yesterday.

Police have classified the case as "missing person" while city CID chief Datuk Zainuddin Ahmad told The Malaysian Insider earlier that they had engaged their counterparts in other states to assist in the search.

Early yesterday, a burnt car was found in Hutan Melintang, Perak, fueling suspicion that it might belong to the missing DPP.

"Perak police found the burnt car at Hutan Melintang at about 10am yesterday. We do not know yet if it belonged to the missing man (Morais) because we could not identify the make and the registration number," Zainuddin said.

Meanwhile, in a statement this evening, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) investigations division director Datuk Azam Baki said the anti-graft agency was shocked at the news of Morais's disappearance.

He said Morais had served as a DPP in MACC's legal and prosecution division for 10 years until he returned to the AGC in July last year.

"He was dedicated and committed in carrying out his duties," Azam said, adding that Morais had handled many high-profile cases for MACC and until his disappearance,

had still been working on some cases for the agency. – September 6, 2015.

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