

## **We believe missing DPP was abducted, says IGP**

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Police today revealed that they have reason to believe that there was foul play involved in the disappearance of deputy public prosecutor Kevin Anthony Morais (pic, below) who was reported missing last Friday.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said police have reclassified the case from a missing person's report to abduction.

"It is no more a case of a missing person. We have leads to believe that he was abducted," Khalid told reporters in Penang today.

Asked to confirm if Morais's abduction was linked to the murder of Arab-Malaysian Development Bank founder Hussain Ahmad Najadi last year, Khalid revealed that one of Morais's brothers was a witness in the investigation into that case.

He, however, downplayed the link between Hussain's murder and Morais's disappearance.

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

"So, I ask that everyone stop the speculations and let us do our job," he added.

Morais, who was attached with the Attorney-General's Chambers, was reported 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 Morais's handphone a few hours later, also turned futile.

The friend then called his office and was informed by Morais's secretary that he did not turn up for work that day. His brother, Datuk Richard Morais, lodged a missing person's report at the Jinjang police station on Saturday.

It is understood that Morais, who was seconded to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, was transferred back to the AGC last year.

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

A day later, police found a burnt car, believed to be either a Proton Perdana or a Honda Accord. It was found in Hutan Melintang, Perak but police have yet to ascertain the owner of the vehicle as the chassis and engine numbers were removed.

Earlier today, a rumour that Morais's body was found in Klang, with his hands and feet

bound, was dismissed by the police.

Selangor Criminal Investigation Department chief Datuk Mohd Adnan Abdullah had said there was no confirmation to the rumour which had gone viral on social media.

"I have checked with the Klang Utara and Klang Selatan police stations, there is nothing... I'm convinced that the rumour is not true," he told reporters at the Selangor police headquarters in Shah Alam. – September 9, 2015

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