

**Intercepted Phone Call Revealing In Lahad Datu Intrusion, Court Told  
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KOTA KINABALU, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- An intercepted telephone conversation revealed that a group of people was blamed for the deaths of many in the Lahad Datu intrusion incident, the High Court here heard Monday.

A communication interception processing officer, who was testifying as a protected witness, said a suspect known as Panglima Alimal alias Tani told an individual identified as 'Pak Haji' that an incident had occurred which was the group's fault.

"Tani said (to Pak Haji) that he did not know where 'they' were and further said 'these happened because of them and caused a lot of victims to die'," said the witness through a court interpreter who wore earphones to follow the testimony of the witness.

The witness, who went by the initials SBM, was testifying in the trial of 30 individuals linked to the intrusion by Sulu gunmen at Kampung Tanduo, Lahad Datu, in February 2013.

SBM told the court that the conversation was intercepted on March 9, 2013, at 5.12pm.

The witness also intercepted a telephone conversation between an individual known as 'Si Jamal' and an unidentified man dubbed 'Lelaki Sabah' in which 'Si Jamal' felt awkward that 'Nur Misuari' had 'a change of heart'.

"Si Jamal told Lelaki Sabah that 'those' who were in Semporna were also of the same stance (as Nur Misuari).

"Lelaki Sabah told Si Jamal to instruct 'him' to contact the Special Branch (SB) in Semporna," said the witness.

Asked by deputy public prosecutor Jamil Aripin if the witness knew who Nur Misuari was, SBM said no.

The witness also did not know who had given the instruction to contact the Semporna SB.

In the dock are 27 Filipinos and three local residents who are facing one to multiple charges of being members of a terrorist group and waging war against the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

They are also alleged to have recruited members for a terrorist group or wilfully harboured individuals they knew to be members of a terrorist group.

The offences were allegedly committed between Feb 12 and April 10, 2013.

The hearing before Justice Stephen Chung at the Sabah Prisons Department continues

tomorrow.

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