

A-G rejects claim linking Kevin Morais murder to charge sheet
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The attorney-general (A-G) has dismissed the claim that the murder of deputy public prosecutor Kevin Morais was linked to a charge sheet the latter had been preparing against a "high-ranking government official".

"What was claimed by the brother of the late Kevin is preposterous. Kevin was never involved in the 1MDB investigations," Tan Sri Mohd Apandi Ali told The Malaysian Insider in a text message from Nanning, China, referring to the controversial state-owned 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

"In fact, when he was transferred back to A-G's Chambers in early July 2014, there was no report in respect of 1MDB yet!"

Yesterday, Kevin's brother Charles Morais said the murder was linked to a charge sheet he was preparing against a "high-ranking government official".

Charles said Kevin had confided in him while he was preparing the charge sheet in the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC).

He said the draft charge sheet on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, an alleged copy of which was released by whistleblower site Sarawak Report, had Kevin's initials on it.

In an 18-page statutory declaration, Charles said that two or three months before Kevin's death, the deceased had told him that he was working on a case involving a very high-level government official.

Sarawak Report said that it was this document that led to the removal of former A-G Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail from his position just days earlier.

The site reported Gani was abruptly removed when he was "on the brink" of filing corruption charges against the prime minister.

Apandi, who replaced Gani as A-G, had previously dismissed the draft charge sheet as a fake, saying it indicated that there was a conspiracy to unseat the prime minister by criminalising him.

He told The Malaysian Insider today that Charles's action in making the claims could be construed as interfering with the pending trial on Kevin's murder.

"I need to state that when the brother starts insinuating that the current accused persons are not linked to Kevin's murder he is seen to be interfering with the pending trial," the A-G said.

Kevin's body was found in a cement-filled steel drum in a swamp in Taman Subang Mewah in USJ 1, Subang Jaya, 12 days after his abduction on September 4.

Six men have been charged with Kevin's murder, while pathologist Dr R. Kunasegaran has been charged with abetment.

Charles, in a press conference yesterday, also hit out at the AGC for allegedly hoodwinking him by earlier consenting to a second post-mortem request and then making an about turn on the decision.

"They (AGC) had initially consented to the second post mortem but made a U-turn later, asking me to get a court order instead."

However, Apandi dismissed this claim as "unfounded allegations".

Charles had said concerns that the vague findings of the first post-mortem report was the reason he filed an application in court on Monday for a second procedure.

Unknown to Charles, however, was that his brother Datuk Richard Morais, had on the same day claimed Kevin's body from the Kuala Lumpur Hospital mortuary without telling any family member.

The High Court has fixed December 4 for case management of Charles's application to conduct the second post-mortem.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar was reported as saying that the cops would be calling up Charles to obtain the information he claimed to have on Kevin's murder.

Khalid was referring to a pen drive that Kevin had sent to Charles by courier before he died, which the latter claimed would reveal the investigations Kevin had been tasked with just before his untimely death, "which implicates certain personalities who currently walk the corridors of power in Malaysia". – November 26, 2015.

* Editor's note: The heading of this article has been corrected. There is no "1MDB charge sheet" as earlier stated in the original heading. We apologise for the error.

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