

Kim Jong-nam's Identity Confirmed Through Son's DNA Sample

SEPANG, March 15 (Bernama) -- The identity of Kim Jong-nam, who was killed at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (klia 2) on Feb 13, was confirmed through his son's DNA sample, says Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, said the samples were obtained according to forensic procedures.

"I once again confirm that the body is that of Kim Jong-nam," he told a media conference here today.

Jong-nam, the estranged half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, was allegedly killed by two foreign women who wiped his face with the VX nerve agent while he was waiting to board a flight to Macau.

Jong-nam, who carried a passport bearing the name of Kim Chol, died on the way to the Putrajaya Hospital.

Two foreign women - Siti Aisyah, 25, an Indonesian, and Vietnamese Doan Thi Huong, 29, were charged at the Sepang Magistrate's Court on March 1 with murdering Jong-nam.

Prior to this, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar had confirmed that the victim was indeed Jong-Nam but declined to disclose the method used to make the confirmation.

Ahmad Zahid's statement today refuted allegations by North Korea's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), Kim In-ryong, who is reported to have claimed that the individual killed in Malaysia was not Jong-nam.

Ahmad Zahid, who had earlier launched the 'KUL VIP Access' facility at the KL International Airport (KLIA) here, said Malaysia had no objection to the establishment of an independent international inquiry into Jong-nam's murder case.

"Any party, including North Korea or international bodies may establish any kind of inquiry or Board of Enquiry," he said.

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