

They also claimed that Thomas had attempted to stop Syazlin from exercising her duty as a lawyer.

Narkunavathy also said the family did show reasons how former deputy public prosecutor Hamdan Hamzah's affidavit, on April 3, had led to Thomas taking a stand in the inquest.

Hamdan, in the affidavit, had said evidence by Hospital Kuala Lumpur's pathologists Dr Ahmad Hafizam Hashim and Dr Mohd Shah Mahmood showed Adib was not assaulted in the incident.

"There is no where in Asraf's statement that his affidavit tantamounts to disrupting the inquest.

"In fact, the then hearing proceeded with Syazlin representing the ministry," she said, adding that the task force also withdrew its application to participate at the inquest.

She added Syazlin only withdrew as the ministry's lawyer on May 27 and her withdrawal caused a lot of confusion and speculation.

Meanwhile, the lawyer for Adib's family, Haniff Khatri Abdulla, argued that under the jurisprudence for inquest proceeding, the parties involved should not take a stand on the deceased's cause of death.

"Only the judge or coroner can take his or her stand on the cause of death," he said.

Haniff added Thomas was seen as taking a stand in this inquest and "shutting his mind" in assisting the court.

"They (AG's Chambers) complained that our statement to seek committal proceedings is vague.

"We had listed all the particulars, including the contemnor, and chronology of events," he said.

Coroner Rofiah Mohamad set Aug 27 to decide on whether to allow the family to proceed with the contempt bid.