

### MEDIA STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT

## Coroner's Court allows Adib's family to initiate contempt proceedings against A-G

**SHAH ALAM:** The Coroner's Court here yesterday has allowed the family of late firefighter Muhammad Adib Mohd Kassim to commence contempt proceedings against Attorney-General Tommy Thomas.

This is over Thomas' media statement and affidavit filed by former conducting officer Hamdan Hamzah in April.

The media statement, distributed on May 28, was in relation to the withdrawal of lawyer

Syazlin Mansor from representing the Housing and Local Government Ministry and the Fire and Rescue Department.

Coroner Rofiah Mohamad in her judgment said the family had proven a prima facie case against Thomas.

"This inquest is a high-profile case and widely covered by the media.

"So it is fair for Thomas to explain himself," Rofiah said.

Rofiah also said the affidavit filed by Hamdan on April 3 had been scrutinised by the public, following which some had suggested for the case to be referred to a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI).

"This had led to a bad perception in the inquest, which is aimed at determining Adib's cause of death," she added.

Hamdan filed the affidavit in April to object an appeal and a

stay of the application brought by The Save Seafield Marlamman Temple Task Force, which had wanted to be included in the inquest.

The affidavit states that Adib's injuries were not caused by rioters in front of the Sri Marlamman Temple in Subang Jaya on Nov 27.

However, on July 27, Thomas in his affidavit said he did not meet Hamdan, and that all affidavits filed by the latter regarding Adib's inquest were not under his direct instruction.

On the media statement, the A-G also clarified that the Attorney-General's Chambers (A-GC) had issued another media statement to clarify Syazlin's withdrawal.

Adib's family was represented by counsel Mohamed Haniff Khatri Abdulla, while Senior Federal Counsel S. Narkunavathy represented the A-GC.

The court fixed Sept 23 for case management.

Adib, 24, was critically injured when he and a team of firemen responded to a distress call about a torched vehicle outside the temple on Nov 27.

Initial reports claimed that Adib had been assaulted by rioters.

However, this has yet to be determined.

Adib was taken to the Subang Jaya Medical Centre and later transferred to the National Heart Institute.

Despite showing signs of recovery, Adib died on Dec 17.

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Penang	5:56	7:11	1:22	4:30	7:28	8:38
K. Lumpur	5:52	7:08	1:17	4:28	7:22	8:32
Johor Baru	5:45	7:02	1:09	4:21	7:12	8:22
Kuantan	5:47	7:04	1:12	4:23	7:16	8:26
Ipoh	5:54	7:08	1:20	4:29	7:25	8:36

