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Coroner's court allows action against attorney-general

SHAH ALAM: The coroner's court here yesterday allowed an application by the father of firefighter Muhammad Adib Mohd Kassim to initiate committal proceedings against Attorney-General (AG) Tommy Thomas for contempt in the inquest into his son's death.

Coroner Rofiah Mohamad made the decision after studying the documents and affidavits submitted by both parties.

In her judgment, Rofiah said she was satisfied with the submissions by both parties, where the family had proven a prima facie case against Thomas.

"In the inquest proceedings before this, there were developments to stop the lawyer representing the Housing and Local



Tommy Thomas

Government Ministry, the Fire and Rescue Department and Muhammad Adib's family, Syazlin Mansor, which had interrupted the inquest hearing.

"The affidavits submitted by (former) inquest handling officer Hamdan Hamzah last April 3 prompted calls for the inquest to be replaced with a Royal Commission of Inquiry.

"It created a negative perception of the inquest conducted by me, as empowered by the AG himself, to find out the cause and circumstances under

which Muhammad Adib met his death," she said.

Rofiah then set Sept 23 for case management.

Mohd Kassim, 64, filed the application last

July 16.

He claimed the AG had committed contempt through an affidavit filed by the Attorney-General's Chambers last April 3.

Muhammad Adib, 24, who was a member of an emergency medical rescue services at the Subang Jaya Fire and Rescue station, was seriously injured during a riot at the Sri Maha Mariamman Temple in Subang on Nov 27 last year.

He died on Dec 17 after 21 days at the National Heart Institute. - Bernama



Muhammad Adib