

Coroner's Court allows Adib's family to commence contempt proceedings against AG

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SHAH ALAM: The Coroner's Court here today has allowed the family of the 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 judgement said the family had proven a prima facie case against the AG.

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

"So it is fair for the AG to explain himself," she added.

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

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

Hamdan filed the affidavit in April to object to an appeal and a stay of the application brought by The Save Seafeld Mariamman 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 Sri Mariamman 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 AG also clarified that the AGC had issued another media statement to clarify Syazlin's withdrawal.