

A-G contempt proceedings won't affect date of decision on Adib inquest

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SHAH ALAM: Contempt proceedings against Attorney-General (A-G) Tan Sri Tommy Thomas over his statements regarding the death of firefighter Muhammad Adib Mohd Kassim will not affect the decision date of the latter's inquest this Friday.

Counsel Haniff Katri Abdulla who represented Adib's family said proceedings would continue at the Coroner's Court despite several pending matters (on the committal proceeding) at the High Court.

"The A-G represented by Senior Federal Counsel S. Narkunavathy had filed an appeal on the court's decision to allow the commencement (of contempt proceedings) at the High Court on Aug 29.

"Thus, we will file a notice of motion at the High Court to strike out the appeal made by Narkunavathy tomorrow.

"The High Court then fixed Oct 7 for case management," he said after the case management of Adib's inquest today.

During the proceedings, Narkunavathy said their appeal at the High Court had been changed from a civil to a criminal appeal.

"Thus, the Coroner's Court must provide a full written judgement (on its decision to allow the contempt proceedings) to the High Court," she said.

Coroner Rofiah Mohamad then fixed Oct 7 for the next case management.

On July 17, Adib's family had filed contempt proceedings against Thomas following his media statement and an 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.

On Aug 27, Rofiah, when allowing the committal proceedings, said the family had proved a prima facie case against the A-G.