

Committal proceedings against AG will not disturb coroner's ruling, says lawyer

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SHAH ALAM (Bernama): The committal proceedings against Attorney General Tan Sri Tommy Thomas (*pic*) for alleged contempt in the inquest into fireman Muhammad Adib Mohd Kassim's death will not disturb the coroner's ruling on the inquest, says a lawyer.

Counsel Khatri Abdulla, who is representing the deceased's family, said the committal proceedings would not affect the decision on the inquest set for Friday (Sept 27).

"I'm explaining this so that the public would not get confused, as the decision on the inquest and committal application are two different matters," the lawyer told reporters here Monday (Sept 23).

The slain firefighter's father Mohd Kassim Abdul Hamid filed the ex-parte committal application against Thomas on July 16.

The Coroner's Court on Aug 27 allowed the application.

At the case management today before coroner Rofiah Mohamad - senior federal counsel S. Narkunavathy who represented the Attorney General - informed the court that she had filed a notice of appeal against the decision to allow Mohd Kassim's application.

She said her appeal against the decision was earlier ruled by the High Court as a civil appeal but later changed to "criminal appeal".

"Hence, the Coroner's Court must prepare in writing to the High Court on its grounds to allow the committal proceedings," she added.

Rofiah set Oct 7 for the next case management.

Muhammad Adib, 24, a member of the emergency medical rescue services (EMRS) at the Subang Jaya Fire and Rescue Station, was seriously injured in a riot at Sri Maha Mariamman Temple, USJ25, on Nov 27, 2018.

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