



MEDIA RELEASE

ON THE CASE OF

YB DATO' DR. MOHD. KHAIRUDDIN BIN AMAN RAZALI

MINISTER OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES AND COMMODITIES

CUM MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KUALA NERUS

1. The Attorney General's Chambers wishes to confirm that an investigation by the police into a complaint made against YB Dato' Dr. Mohd. Khairuddin bin Aman Razali, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities ("Minister") in respect of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 [Act 342] has been carried out and completed.
2. Our perusal of the investigation paper submitted by the police reveals that the Minister visited Turkey on July 3, 2020 and flew back to Malaysia on July 7, 2020.
3. Upon arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, the Minister underwent health inspection and screening process for COVID-19 (swab test) and the result was found to be negative. The Minister was allowed to return to his residence by the authorized officer from the Ministry of Health who was appointed under section 3 of Act 342.
4. Subsequently, the Minister underwent a second health screening on July 10, 2020 at Kuala Lumpur Hospital for the purpose of attending a ceremony at Istana Negara on August 17, 2020. The result of the second screening was also found to be negative.

5. The police had conducted a thorough investigation into the report lodged by the complainant alleging that the Minister had flouted a mandatory home quarantine order during the period the recovery movement control order was enforced upon his return from Turkey which was allegedly supposed to take place from July 7, 2020 until July 21, 2020.
6. The investigation paper was then referred to the Attorney General's Chambers for further instruction. After full consideration and deliberation of all available evidence, this Chambers finds that there was no home surveillance or observation order issued by the authorized officer in the exercise of his discretion to the Minister for him to observe such home surveillance or observation order as stipulated under subsection 15(1) of Act 342 as alleged by the complainant.
7. Form 14b as prescribed in the Guidelines by the Ministry of Health which contained an order for home surveillance and/or observation order under subsection 15(1) of Act 342 had never been issued to the Minister before he was allowed to leave. For an act to be considered as an offence of breaking a home quarantine order under Act 342, the home surveillance or observation order is required to be issued to the Minister under subsection 15(1) of Act 342.
8. Accordingly, based on the above consideration, the Attorney General's Chambers has decided to not prefer any charge against the Minister due to insufficient evidence and thus fails to meet the required burden of proof under the law.

Attorney General / Public Prosecutor

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