

Transcript of a letter by Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud's Canadian son-in-law, Sean Murray, to Global Television, Toronto, as broadcast by Global Television's 16x9 „Family Trees“ show on 3rd December 2011

(Note: Sean Murray is the husband of Taib's daughter Jamilah Taib and an executive of Ottawa-based Sakto Corporation, London-based Ridgeford Properties, Seattle-based Wallysons Inc. and Adelaide-based Sitehost Pty Ltd)

Reference Your E-mail of October 18 2011

My wife Jamilah and I have decided that I should respond to your inquiry on behalf of our immediate family and our business. My wife and I are private Canadian citizens. She has lived here for more than 30 years and we have no interest in being interviewed in the press about ourselves, our business, our relatives or about Malaysian politics. For some time it has been clear that the Bruno Manser Fund and its ally, Clare Rewcastle-Brown, both of whom are deeply invested in Malaysian politics, have been looking for international press support for their political campaign against my Father-in-law. There is no doubt that they are behind much of the malicious rumour, untruths and distorted facts that have been circulating about us, our families and our business and therefore their objectivity and credibility is seriously in question, to say the least. I would be grateful if you would confirm for the record whether these parties are providing the basis for your research.

My wife and I have various business interests, and our affairs are duly open to the scrutiny of the relevant authorities. Our reticence to be interviewed should not be considered as a refusal to comment. If you intend to make or repeat for broadcast defamatory allegations or innuendoes, including those posted on the internet, I require you to submit those allegations and innuendoes to us in writing with reasonable notice, and we will duly respond. However, you should know that we neither take part in Malaysian politics nor speak for the Chief Minister, you may have to direct questions in those areas to others.

You will understand that Jamilah and I find these statements about ourselves and our business false, highly defamatory and very damaging. We therefore have no interest in encouraging public discussion of them and we will take very seriously and will react strongly to their publication in mainstream media where the audience would reasonably expect professional journalistic standards would prevent such publication.

Should you wish to further correspond please direct your inquiries to myself via Lee Gartley's e-mail.

Yours truly

Sean Murray

C.C. J Bruce Carr-Harris BLG LLP

Transcript of a legal letter by J Bruce Carr-Harris, Partner at Ottawa-based law firm Borden Ladner Gervais LLP to Global Television, Toronto, as broadcast by 16x9 Family Trees show on 3rd December 2011

J Bruce Carr-Harris

Our File No (XXX)

November 29, 2011

Dear Ms. James

I am responding on behalf of my clients Sean and Jamilah Murray and their businesses concerning questions you have sent to them in preparation for your planned program. As you know from his recent correspondence, Mr. Murray intended to respond directly to you himself. Instead, having recently become aware of the tone and content of your forthcoming broadcast from its promotion on your Global News website, Mr. Murray has instructed me to respond, given the legal implications of these matters – some of which are potentially defamatory.

Although asked directly, you have declined on two occasions to confirm to my clients whether the planned program has any connection with the Bruno Manser Fund (BMF) and their immediate allies, the Sarawak Report Website run by Clare Rewcastle Brown (CRB). However, based upon the contents of your website promotion and that run on the Sarawak Report website, a reasonable person would believe that this program is inspired by the ongoing attacks on my clients by the BMF and CRB. Nonetheless, I remain hopeful that Shaw media, a respected broadcast entity, would not repeat these defamatory statements and that high journalistic ethical standards are maintained in the broadcast of your item.

Having said that let me address the issues that you have raised.

1. The issue of beneficial ownership of Sakto. It appears from your website promotion that the premise of your story is that Taib Mahmud invested money he made in Malaysia and supposedly invested the profits in a Canadian company named Sakto. This is a false premise. The fact is that Sakto was incorporated as a Canadian company in 1983 by Jamilah Taib and her Uncle Onn. Her father is on the public record as saying that he contributed money to her. At no stage did her father have economic benefits from, or any direction of, the business – directly or indirectly. Sean Murray joined Sakto as a director in 1987, and remains an active director of the company. No member of Jamilah's family plays an active role in the company.

2. The issue of the Murrays' private companies and assets. The books of these businesses are open to the scrutiny of auditors and authorities, but as with all private companies and individuals, they are protected by privacy laws.

3. The issue of their assets and investments worldwide. For the reasons given above, these are matters for the Murrays, Sakto and the relevant regulatory and financial authorities – not for publication. With regard to your question concerning investments

in Malaysia, Jamilah Murray has some passive investments on Malaysia, but Sakto and Sakti, and Sean Murray do not. On the question of whether any of that money has been used to fund Sakto projects in Canada or Sakti in the U.S., the answer is no.

It is not reasonable to demand that they disclose their personal finances to the public.

4. The issues of investigations or investigative bodies. As with all companies, Sakto has annual dealings with the tax authorities for assessment and audit purposes. These have all been routine and uncontroversial. They have had no dealings with any „investigation“ or „investigative bodies“ of the type your question implies.

5. The issue if the BMF and CRA political campaign. You asked why my clients stated that the BMF and CRB were running a political campaign against the current Sarawak Government. My clients have no interest or involvement in the politics of Malaysia. But a cursory review of their online material demonstrates that they have made no effort to disguise their concerted political campaign, so your question is puzzling. Global News has an obligation to present that reality accurately. As these parties have a declared political interest, Global News has a duty to assess whether these parties can be considered unbiased sources. There are false and distorted claims made by CRB and BMF which could easily be verified by the public sources in North America. It will be your burden to ensure the reliability of your sources.

You should know that my clients will take seriously and react strongly to the broadcast of any defamatory allegations or innuendo concerning them or their businesses. We therefore insist that before doing so you provide us with sufficient time to comment on any defamatory allegations and innuendo prior to the broadcast.

In the meantime please regard this as notice to preserve any and all documents,

(rest of the letter unreadable / not shown on television)