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may 8, 2008, 3pm, dfa-oumwa
meeting with dfa case officer mr. junaid ali
(jasmin, areej vien (son), anna)

dfa case officer junaid ali ang naghahandle ng case ni jameel ngayon, before ay si atty.ruel garcia na nasa italy na ngayon

based sa records ng dfa, second pa lang ang hearing on may 10, first was november 6, 2007. the hearing on may 10 will be more about on private rights aspect of the case

why it took almost 2 plus years bago nagkaroon ng hearing si jameel.
(wala pang hearing that time kasi nasa investigation pa, they cannot tell kung ilang hearings ang kailangan, plus the gasgas comment na iba kasi ang justice system ng saudi)

nirequire ng court ang family ng victim to appear sa court which is impractical sa part ng family because malayo and ung expenses
nagsubmit ang family ng spa for the embassy to represent (to negotiate, submit necessary documents, and blood money issue)
on the blood money issue – hindi pa alam kung magkano ang idedemand ng family kung sakali. after the hearing pa malalaman. ***ang dfa ay mediator lang daw***
if there will be a blood money involved – definitely hindi daw manggagaling sa dfa ang pera. pwede silang tumulong to raise funds.

dfa negotiation with the aggrieved family:
tumatawag daw si maria paz (sister of benjamin) sa dfa
tatlong beses na daw nakapunta sa office ng dfa ang sister ni benjamin
hindi naman daw iniinsist ng family ng victim ang beheading so my indication na open sila for forgiveness/blood money
asked if possible na magharap ang both families to discuss/talk
 (they will ask first the family of the deceased if willing na sila to sit and talk sa family ng accused. sabi ni mr. ali na tatawagan daw niya right after our meeting si maria paz to set schedule maybe on monday kung papayag sila. cma will call dfa tomorrow, friday, kung anong response ng family ng victim)
we also asked for the contact details nung family, itanong daw muna nila if pwedeng ibigay.

dagdag pa ni mr. ali na hindi nya pa mai-discuss sa family cruz ung about the forgiveness/blood money because of the sensitivity of the case and dahil na rin sa outburst ng emotion nung family pag pumupunta sa dfa.

after our meeting sa dfa, I asked jasmin kung pupunta na kami sa house ng sister ni benjamin kahit medyo late in the afternoon na. sabi niya na kakausapin na muna niya yung sister ni jameel na kung pwede ring sumama sa amin bukas to meet maria paz (ung sister ni benjamin na taga novaliches, ito rin kasi bale ang tumatayong spokesperson nung family cruz.) she will inform me kung matutuloy kami bukas maybe sa morning. honestly, nakikita ko na medyo hesitant pa si jasmin kasi no idea nga kami kung haharapin ba kami or kung anong magiging reaction ng family once makaharap namin sila. explained to her na kasama naman niya kami to support.

kuya tas, i understand yung point mo na hindi naman tayo pupunta sa kanila to fight. ang amin lang is sana kahit papaano ay may idea muna kami kung ano ba yung response ng family kaya we had to ask the dfa's report muna. I know naman na pasong-paso ka na sa report ng dfa na puro kasinungalingan. :) well…

sya, ito muna. wait ko pa text ni jasmin re our lakad tomorrow.

thanks,
anna
ps: kuya, pls tell jameel na bukas na lang yung pics ng mag-iina nya. nasa cp ko pa kasi. thanks.

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