



FEMALE SUSPECTS TO BE CHARGED TODAY

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Doan Thi Huong and Siti Aisyah will face murder charges

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THE two foreign women suspected of having assassinated Kim Jong-nam will be charged with murder today.

They will face the hangman's noose should they be found guilty of murdering Jong-nam, the out-cast half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, under Section 302 of the Penal Code.

The penalty for that section is a mandatory death sentence.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali told the *New Straits Times* that the women, whose remand ended yesterday, would be brought to the Sepang magistrate's court this morning. "We received the investigation papers from the police on Monday," he said.

Apandi said the women — Vietnamese Doan Thi Huong, 29, and

Indonesian Siti Aisyah, 25 — would be facing charges under Section 302 of the Penal Code for murder.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the charge sheet against the duo would likely not identify Jong-nam as the victim.

This is because Jong-nam's body had yet to be identified by the next-of-kin.

Sources close to the investigation said it was likely the Attorney-General's Chambers would list the victim as being a man who had in his possession a North Korean diplomatic passport under the name "Kim Chol".

Though Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who is also home minister, had identified "Kim Chol" as being Jong-nam, police have never confirmed this.

Statements from federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman had so far referred to him as a "North Korean national".

Jong-nam was attacked in klia2 on Feb 13 as he was about to use a self check-in kiosk for his flight to Macau.

Closed-circuit television camera footage showed one woman stepped up to him while another grabbed him from behind.

In less than five seconds, the women walked away and Jong-nam was seen walking to a reception counter.

Jong-nam told an airport employee at the counter that he felt dizzy after "having his face wiped" and was taken to the airport clinic where staff called for an ambulance.

He died en route to Putrajaya Hospital.

It was later established that the highly lethal VX nerve agent, a banned chemical substance classified by the United Nations as a weapon of mass destruction, was used to kill Jong-nam.

Police first arrested Doan when she returned to the airport the following day.

Siti Aisyah, meanwhile, was detained the day after.

Also arrested was North Korean Ri Jong-chol.

His remand expires on Friday and no decision has been made yet as to whether to charge or release him.

Six other persons of interest in the case, all North Koreans, are still at large.

Four of them were said to have left the country immediately after watching the attack on Jong-nam.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Name:
Doan Thi Huong
Age: 29
Nationality:
Vietnamese
Passport No.:
C1031046
Occupation:
Entertainment outlet employee



Arrival in Malaysia:
Feb 4, 2017 (via Hanoi)

Scheduled departure from Malaysia: Feb 23 (to Hanoi)

Role: The one who allegedly wiped Jong-nam's face with a towel investigators believe was laced with poison. She was wearing a white top with "LOL" emblazoned across it

Status: Arrested at klia2 at 8.20am on Feb 15 and under remand until Feb 28

Name:
Siti Aisyah
Age: 25
Nationality:
Indonesian
Passport No.:
A9601796



Occupation:
Spa masseuse

Arrival in Malaysia:
Feb 2 (via Batam)

Scheduled departure from Malaysia: -

Role: One of the two female suspects who set upon Jong-nam at the airport and detained by police in connection with the killing. Her 26-year-old Malaysian boyfriend led police to her

Status: Arrested on Feb 16 and under remand until Feb 28

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The other two, a North Korean diplomat and an employee of state-owned airline Air Koryo, are being sought by police.