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**MEDIA BACKGROUND BRIEF
UPDATES ON CONTEMPT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST MR ALAN SHADRAKE
- HEARING ON 30 JULY 2010**

The proceedings brought against Mr. Alan Shadrake for contempt of court founded on passages in his book that impugn the independence, impartiality and integrity of the Singapore Judiciary, were heard before the Honourable Justice Quentin Loh on 30 July 2010. The court papers were served on Mr. Shadrake on 18 July 2010.

On the application of Mr. Shadrake's counsel, the Court adjourned the hearing to enable Mr. Shadrake to file his affidavit. The Court has granted him 2 weeks to file his affidavit. The Court has also granted the Attorney-General 1 week thereafter to file an affidavit in reply.

On 28 July 2010, the Attorney-General wrote to Mr. Shadrake's counsel, inviting Mr. Shadrake to state whether he is prepared to apologise to the Court. The letter also stated that the Court would be invited to take into account Mr. Shadrake's apology (as a mitigating factor) or his refusal to apologise (as an aggravating factor) in the contempt proceedings against him.

This was repeated to Mr. Shadrake during the hearing on 30 July 2010 but has not been taken up by Mr. Shadrake.

An apology tendered to the Court, if unqualified and sincere, may mitigate the punishment that the Court may impose on a person who is found to be in contempt.