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CORONER'S MENTION ON 27 JANUARY 2010:

DECEASED TONG KOK WAI

1. May it please the Court. My name is Lau Wing Yum and I am the Deputy Principal Senior State Counsel who will lead evidence in this Inquiry together with my colleague State Counsel Mr Mark Jayaratnam.
2. The Next of Kin of the deceased are represented by my learned friends Mr Patrick Yeo and Mr Sunil Sudheesan.
3. The Investigation Officers have informed the family of the deceased and the injured persons of this Mention. Mr Bong Hwee Haw, who was one of the persons injured in the accident, is represented by my learned friends Mr N Sreenivasan, Ms Belinder Kaur and Ms Margaret Yeow. The Investigation Officer also informed the Embassy of Romania of this Mention. Mr Alexandru Nicolae Coseru and Mr Marius Trusca are present in court today.
4. The deceased is Tong Kok Wai, a 30-year-old male Malaysian who was a Singapore Permanent Resident. On 15 Dec 2009 at about 3.10am, the Police were notified of an accident. Investigations revealed that on 15 Dec 2009 at about 3.10am, motorcar S3401CD was travelling along Bukit Panjang Road towards Bukit Batok. At the traffic light-controlled junction of Bukit Panjang Road and Bangkit Road, the car hit the deceased and another person named Bong Hwee Haw, both of whom had been crossing at the pedestrian crossing. The traffic lights were in favour of the pedestrians. The driver did not stop the car and proceeded straight ahead.



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5. At the next traffic light-controlled junction of Bukit Panjang Road and Pending Road, the car hit another person named Muhammad Haris Bin Abu Talib. Haris, who was on a skate scooter, was hit as he was crossing at the pedestrian crossing with his brother and friends. The traffic lights were in favour of the pedestrians. The driver did not stop the car and proceeded straight ahead.
6. As a result of the accident, the Deceased and the 2 victims were conveyed to National University Hospital. The Deceased sustained a skull fracture and also a fracture of his right leg. The Autopsy Report states that his cause of death is **“Intracranial Haemorrhage and Cerebral Contusions with Fractured Skull”**.
7. On 15 December 2009 at about 3.47am, Dr. Silviu Ionescu called ‘999’ to report the loss of his vehicle S3401CD. Dr Silviu Ionescu was the Charge D’Affaires A.I and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Romania at the relevant time. Investigations revealed that the registered owner of the car S3401CD was the Romanian Embassy.
8. On 15 Dec 2009 at about 11.10am, the car was found locked and abandoned at 21 Sungei Kadut Avenue. The right side of the front windscreen of the car was smashed, the front bonnet was dented and the right driver’s door was dented.
9. The Police have conducted extensive investigations in this matter. Their investigations have revealed that the vehicle S3401 CD was not stolen and the driver of the said vehicle at the time of the 2 accidents was Dr Silviu Ionescu.
10. The State will lead evidence to show that Dr Ionescu is criminally concerned in causing the death of the deceased Tong Kok Wai.
11. The State is ready to present all the evidence before a Coroner and would like dates to be set for the Coroner’s Inquiry.