



Misrepresentation of facts on Mamanda's advertisement

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Dear Zulkarnine,

It would not do me justice not to reply to your email to NMP Faizah since you continue to defame me. I do not know whether to laugh or cry at your selective amnesia and delusional statements.

1. Yes, we do learn something about Gedung Kuning from Dr Hadijah's article in Berita Harian today (9 June 2013). Dr Hadijah mentioned that Encik Abu Putih acted as the Sultan's confidante 'such as' treasurer. As for Encik Bujal, there was a mention of him being a treasurer. But there was no mention of either one of them residing at Gedung Kuning.

Furthermore, if it was true those Bendahara stayed at Gedung Kuning, why would Tengku Mahmud change the name to Gedung Kuning? Would the name Rumah Bendahara be more fitting for the Bendahara who allegedly live there?

I put it to you that the reason why you are so adamant on the Rumah Bendahara issue is that your restaurant's name is Mamanda (the title or pronoun for Minister). So, if you cannot use the term Rumah Bendahara or House of the Prime Minister, then your marketing strategies would have failed.

2. It is also amusing how you mentioned that NMP Faizah was being unethical to cc the email to others outside Mamanda. How about you? You have been very unethical on many accounts. As I recalled from NMP Faizah's latest email to you, she did not apologise to you. She merely said, "I am sorry once again to have to disappoint you. You are ascribing too much to my intention where none exists." Did you take that statement as an apology?

3. Yes, NMP Faizah was in the cc list when I wrote to Madam Rosa Daniel, CEO NHB. I am always transparent in my dealings.

4. Again, I would like to reiterate the fact why I cc those concerned – most of them are members of the MHF and NHB. The press would want to know since Gedung Kuning is a historic building, monumental to Singapore's history.

As per my previous email, the main reason why I did that was "there were many a time when you and/or Julina chose to ignore my emails, and that 'forced' me to contact the higher authority and/or the press just to solicit a response from you and/or Julina". Furthermore you mentioned in your previous email of 6 June 2013 that "you have stopped all communications" with me. Hence, it was you who are the disrespectful one, who did not even reply to my invite to The Mango Tree book launch nor did you acknowledge the complimentary book delivery.

5. I am amused that you asked NMP Faizah to advise me. When did you ever extend your Olive Branch (?) to me? Again these are baseless statements to which I will now have to prove with evidence. I have always been respectful to you, the tenant of Gedung Kuning (and not the owner as the owner is the government of Singapore).

a. Email of 18 Oct 2011

You emailed to "request for a meeting with you. The objective is to know more first hand information about this unique place." I was leaving for Cambridge and

I "forwarded this email to my cousin Khir Johari. Do get in touch with him if you need to."

Was I in anyway not helpful towards you?

b. Email of 28 Mar-6 April 2012 and 7 April 2012

Correspondences detailing our meetings and recommendations.

Khir and myself have been nothing but very helpful towards you. Khir invited Mas, you and Julina to his house for a discussion. I remember we even gave you contacts for the cake sellers (you stated that "some Gedung Kuning kuehs that she tried in Khir Johari home"). And if you notice all those emails did not include other people.

c. The Curse

I told you during our meeting of 6 April 2012 that my great-grandmother has put a "curse" on Gedung Kuning (which I also wrote on page 106 in my Gedung Kuning book). If one has bad intentions, one will not be happy and safe in Gedung Kuning. This is very true as the family has seen it happen to our own bad family members, and the thieves who tried to burgled Gedung Kuning etc. (also mentioned in pages 76-84 in my book). If you have done nothing wrong, why are you afraid of a curse? Besides it is my website, I can put whatever information I want on it.

d. The tahlil

Again I refer you to email of 6 April 2012. We told you that "The family just had our annual haul 2 weeks ago". It made no sense to do another one again just because you suggested it. We told you to save the money for your restaurant instead.

e. My reputation as a Fulbright Scholar

Thank you for your concern, but I think you should just concentrate on repairing your own image as one who manipulates facts, distorts history for marketing purposes, discredits and blames others etc.

Even if you perceive my reputation to be damaged, people are rational and will judge me based on evidence. I am not worried about this at all.

f. Email of 11 July 2012 – contents on the Mamanda website

I wrote "Kindly acknowledge the source of the content (that the information is taken from my website). If you do not intend to do so, please remove the content from your website as this constitutes an infringement of copyright

laws."

Again, you are twisting the facts. You are the one who refused to acknowledge that the content is taken from my website and you just removed it. And you are now blaming me saying I came to "realize that by doing so it is to her disadvantage"? Could you get any funnier than this?

I have a whole website about Gedung Kuning (PDF-ed information too), people can access them anytime to get any information (just like your staff Syairah Haaris <syairah@figolive.com> did on 5 April 2012).

g. The Mango Tree

Once again, you shifted the blame on me. All the evidence is on <http://www.gedungkuning.com/mangotree/index.htm>

Neither MHF nor yourself wanted to reply to my questions about who and why the tree was cut (until I wrote to the press). Even the arborist report stated importantly in Point 1 that "The tree is observed to be overall healthy."

Since you insisted that "The decision of cutting down the tree is not our decision", you are blaming the MHF for this. During our meeting of 6 April 2012, we agreed that that "the termites problem was not from my mango tree and that the tree needn't be cut down. It was Mas and Julina who told me that they wanted to cut down the tree because of termites. If this is not the case, why did you or Julina or Mas not correct my notes of meeting?

A Malaysian girl wrote on my Gedung Kuning Facebook page on 25 Nov 2012 that she asked the patron (I assume it was you or Mas) where the mango tree was. She was told that "it has to make ways for extra sitting place" (see screen capture). So, this means that Mamanda had all along wanted to cut the tree. Or was it the MHF? I was told that a decision could not be reached about the tree at a MHF meeting but the tree was cut down anyway – this decision was one of the push factors why Effendy Ibrahim, one of your board of directors resigned following the mango tree incident.

Do you need any more evidence? Perhaps a pdf email of 26 June 2012 by Prof Tommy Koh to CEO NParks Mr. Poon Hong Yuen where Prof Koh asked Mr. Poon to save the tree?

h. Our artefacts and the broken things

"You mentioned that "We travelled all the way to Indonesia to get replacement and get it custom made to replace some of the broken parts of the furniture but we did not continue as we felt that we will be blamed later. So we left the broken things untouched." Why was it so difficult for you and/or Julina to inform me about what is left of the artefacts and where they are? Since you wanted to put a closure to this, you and MHF could provide me with the list as Alvin has done so that everyone can move on.

i. Mutual respect

You mentioned in your previous email that "We do not have any problems with the rest of the Gedung Kuning owners or residence as the mutual respect is there and we always received them with an open heart. It is not our interest to make enemies with anyone."

I have but treated you with respect. Please read our email correspondences and you will see that it was YOU who ranted emotionally, acted unethically and defensively and accused without evidence, insulted me etc.

In conclusion, I have once again provided evidence to rebut all your accusations. It is you have been unethical and unprofessional in your dealings with me, a family member of Haji Yusoff family and the executor of the estate of Othman bin Haji Yusoff. Like the Malay saying "Anjing menyalak, bukit takkan runtuh" (The dog may bark but the mountain will not fall). It does not matter that you constantly discredit me because the truth will always prevail.

I wish Mamanda all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Hidayah

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