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Headline- Cathay pacific Executives suspected of making false statements, Police is investigating

The High Court recently ruled that Cathay Pacific had unreasonably dismissed the 18 pilots and also defamed them but the case did not end there. The pilots involved were not satisfied with two of the Cathay Pacific executives who were suspected of making false statements in Court during the trial, had reportedly filed the case with the Police for further investigation. Police has now commenced their investigation but nobody was arrested at this stage.

Sub-headline- Cathay Pacific says they are making no comments at the moment

Cathay Pacific responded that the case is in the appealing stage thus making no comments about it at this stage. Last year, the High Court handles the case on the unlawful dismissal of the pilots, two senior executives including the Director of Flight Operations Nick Rhodes and the Industrial Relationship Manager Zdenek Kroutil representing Cathay Pacific in making statements in Court had said that during the meeting in July 2001 when the airline deciding on the sacking of the pilots, they did not keep any record of the meeting.

However, thereafter it was discovered that a list of the short-listed pilots still existed. Both executives denied the cover-up and Rhodes says in Court that it was a misunderstanding and quoted "I thought it was irrelevant".

According to reliable sources, although the pilots had won in Court, they were not satisfied that these two executives were making false statements thus reported it to the Police last December. The spokesperson from the Police confirmed to us that the case has now handed over to the Head Office Special Unit for further investigation. Nobody was arrested at this stage.

AOA says they did not receive any information about it but will try to understand more on it. Cathay Pacific spokesperson stated that they will co-operate with the Police for further investigation.

Eight years ago, 18 pilots were being sacked by the airline after their involvement in the alleged industrial action. The then COO was Chan and Corporate Director was Tony Tyler. After the incident of sacking, they both openly defamed the pilots and criticized them as unprofessional. The High Court ruled last year that the pilots had won and the airline has to compensate each pilot HK\$3.45 million plus one month pay which has estimated a total cost of over 100 million dollars.