



# What's next in AHTC saga?

For now, the judgment will not affect the Workers' Party (WP) leaders' position as elected Members of Parliament. It is a civil suit and their position as MPs is at stake only if they are unable to pay damages and made bankrupts.

- The defendants have exactly one month from yesterday to file a notice of appeal. The Court of Appeal will inform when it will be heard, which is typically four or five months later.
- If the defendants decide not to appeal or do not succeed in doing so, a second round of hearings will take place to determine the quantum of damages suffered by the town council, and how much it can recover from the WP leaders.
- Lawyers say it is very unlikely that either the appeal or the second round of hearings will take place by this year.

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