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## Dengvaxia victims' kin want Fadullon out

THE families of the Dengvaxia victims have asked Acting Prosecutor General Richard Anthony Fadullon to inhibit himself from the case for alleged bias.

The motion for inhibition was filed before the Department of Justice through the Public Attorney's Office (PAO).

Fadullon denied the accusation, saying he never had any interaction with any of the parties in the case.

"Definitely there is no truth to the accusations. It is absurd as it is

incredible, as I have never had any interaction with any of the parties in the Dengvaxia cases. While on occasion I subscribed complaints for the private complainants at the request of the PAO, I have never talked to any of the respondents in these cases," he said.

Fadullon pointed out that the different panels of prosecutors tasked to do the preliminary investigation of the case were given wide discretion to rule on the case.

He added that while he commis-

erates with the families for their loss, "they should exercise caution and prudence before making baseless accusations."

"If the private complainants or the PAO have any iota of proof that I received any bribe, they should come forward with their evidence. If it were really true that bribes were indeed paid, why would we indict the respondents just the same? I challenge the complainants and the PAO to substantiate their accusations, as I reserve the

right to file charges against them if this frivolous charges prove untrue," the prosecutor said.

The families of the victims hit Fadullon for approving the filing of an amended information for reckless imprudence resulting in homicide for the death of Aejay Bautista and Jansyn Art Bataan.

They said they were apprehensive "that the same fate of Bataan and Bautista may befall on the cases they filed for the deaths of their children." **JOMAR CANLAS**