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Former Akademi Fantasia star Nurul wins suit against TV3

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KUALA LUMPUR: TV3 and four others have been ordered to pay damages totalling RM250,000 to former Akademi Fantasia Season 2 star Nurullah Zawawi and her husband in a defamation suit over a report on their marriage status two years ago.

In allowing the suit filed by Nurullah and husband, Mohd Munzil Muhamad, High Court Judge Datuk Nor Bee Ariffin also ordered the five defendants to pay costs of

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Besides TV3, the four defendants named in the suit were producer of the Melodi programme, Azman Abd Ghafar; journalist Michelle Wee Lili; Alt Media Sdn Bhd and Bustamam Zawawi, who is Nurul's brother.

Nurul and her husband filed the suit on Sept 5, 2011 after the television station, in its Melodi programme on June 26, 2011, issued a statement on their marriage and a visual referring to them, which they claimed were defamatory.

The couple claimed that the visual shown during the programme gave an impression that their marriage was not valid and that they had no respect for their parents.

Besides general, aggravated and exemplary damages, the couple, represented by lawyer David Dev Peter, also sought an injunction, costs and other relief deemed fit by the court.

The judge also said that the marriage between Nurul and Mohd Munzil was valid as it was confirmed by the Hulu Langat Syariah Court. - Bernama

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