

Ah-nui mother to get Tu visit

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A SPECIAL visit to Ms Wong Yuen-siu, now receiving treatment in Kwai Chung Hospital, has been arranged for campaigners Elsie Tu and Dr L.K. Ding.

The face-to-face visit - to be conducted without any officials present - will take place very soon, although the exact date is being kept under wraps.

The mother and child were separated after their home was broken into on May 8, after reports that Ms Wong's daughter, Kwok Ah-nui was being ill treated.

Before the go-ahead was given for the visit, clearance had to be sought from the heads of all relevant Government departments - including a final seal of approval from Governor Sir Edward Youde.

Government officials hope that the meeting will calm the public outcry over the Kwok Ah-nui case, including allegations of a cover-up.

Numerous other requests for visiting Ms Wong in the hospital had been turned down by the Medical and Health Department, and the date of this visit is being kept secret.

Ms Wong's permission was also sought before approval was given for the pair to pay a hospital visit.

The two public figures were chosen because of their long-standing respect from the public, which earned them a reputation for being champions of public justice and champions of the underdog, said one source.

The meeting may provide the answers to many unanswered questions in the Kwok Ah-nui case, such as:

- Whether Ms Wong is in the hospital voluntarily.
- Whether she understands her civil rights and whether she wants a lawyer to represent her interests.
- Whether she wants doctors other than Government ones to see her.
- What she feels about her separation from Ah-nui and their eventual re-union.

Another crucial point which Mrs Tu and Dr Ding will also attempt to find out - regardless of what diagnosis Government doctors have made - is whether Ms Wong is mentally healthy and fit to take care of her daughter Ah-nui.

Dr Ding told the *Post* he was pleased to be invited by the Government to accompany Mrs Tu on the "fact-finding trip".