

DAP: Zahid and IGP don't care about Dhamendran
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Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has shown an "inhumane and irresponsible" attitude towards the death of N Dhamendran in police custody by suggesting that suspending the police personnel involved will demoralise the police force, the DAP says.

Such callous remarks show that Zahid is not fit to be home minister, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said in a statement today.

dap special meeting 110313 lim guan eng "Zahid is not protecting public safety regardless of who commits crimes, whether it is by lawless criminals or police personnel on duty," Lim said.

Two days ago, Zahid said he welcomed a call by Malaysian Hindraf Association head P Waythamoorthy for the suspension of the four police personnel involved in Dharmendran's death in police custody, instead of assigning them to desk duties.

However, Zahid warned that such a move must be done delicately to avoid "demoralising" the police force.

Wrong priorities

Lim also criticised inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar for being silent about the issue while threatening to take action against Pakatan Rakyat leaders and citizens who attend peaceful rallies calling for electoral reforms.

He said both Zahid and Khalid were indifferent and uncaring about Dharmendran, who suffered 52 injury marks from head to toe while handcuffed, according to hospital reports.

Lim said DAP wants the police personnel involved to be arrested and charged with murder, because Malaysians expected better following the death of Teoh Beng Hock, A Kugan and Ahmad Sarbani Mohamed while in custody of law enforcement authorities.

"Unfortunately the BN federal government does not appear to have the political will to come down hard to punish and take preventive measures.

"Establishing the Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission (IPCMC) will go a long way to assure the Malaysian public that the BN federal government is committed to preventing custodial deaths," he said.

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