

Zahid: Death-in-custody case still under probe, no action yet
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No disciplinary actions have so far been taken against police officers allegedly involved in the death of Syed Mohd Azlan Syed Mohamed Nur while in custody.

Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said this was because the 2014 case is currently still under investigations.

“In the case of Syed Mohd Azlan, the case is still under investigation.

“No disciplinary actions have been taken at this point in time pending completion of the investigations and further instructions from the deputy public prosecutor,” said the deputy prime minister in a written reply to Teo Nie Ching (DAP-Kulai).

In March, Zahid in a parliamentary written reply to Gobind Singh Deo (DAP-Puchong) gave his [assurance](#) that the investigations would be wrapped up and re-submitted to the Attorney-General’s Chambers.

This was after the AG's Chambers had sent back the initial investigation papers the police submitted on Syed Mohd Azlan’s death in detention.

The Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission (EAIC) in its investigations found Syed Mohd Azlan, 25, was "murdered" by police personnel who beat him up in the police station lock-up in Sungai Rengit, Johor, on Nov 3, 2014.

Suffered 61 injuries to his face

Syed Mohd Azlan, a welder, was arrested after a police report was lodged on a brawl involving a firearm in September that year.

He was arrested by 13 police personnel, who ambushed the room he rented in Pengerang, Johor.

According to its report released in October last year, the EAIC found that Syed Mohd Azlan (*photo*) suffered 61 injuries to his face, body and legs - some of which were consistent with "defensive wounds while protecting himself from physical attack by police personnel".

The EAIC also found evidence that police personnel cleaned the scene of the beatings before the medical officers arrived to check on Syed Mohd Azlan.

The police also disposed of the rubber mat and carpet believed to have been stained with the blood of the deceased.

They also "hid away eye-witnesses" from the scene, the EAIC said.

The National Human Rights Commission (Suhakam) in its recent report, meanwhile, noted that Syed Azlan's case was one of the cases which were not accounted for by the police in their own statistics of death in custody cases.

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