

Karpal to act for Aminulrasyid's mum
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DAP chairperson and senior lawyer Karpal Singh will accompany the family of Aminulrasyid Amzah tomorrow to the spot where the teenager was killed in a police shooting on April 26.

"The first thing would be to look at the crime scene," he told a press conference today to announce his appointment as the lawyer for the family.

azlanKarpal said he was engaged yesterday by Norsiah Mohamad (left), the mother of the 14-year-old, and showed reporters a signed document to back his assertion.

"I have been engaged to act on behalf of Aminulrasyid's mother in all matters arising out of the death of her son, including initiation of legal proceedings - both civil and criminal - against the police and the government," he said.

Karpal echoed the family's view that there is no need to conduct an inquest into the teenager's death, since the incident "has been classified as murder".

NONEHe called for the immediate disbanding of the panel headed by the Deputy Home Minister Abu Seman Yusof, to look into what transpired during the fatal shooting.

While agreeing that the police personnel concerned are entitled to a fair investigation, Karpal (right) noted the possibility of conflict of interest arising if the investigators are colleagues of those allegedly involved.

The investigation must be open, impartial and transparent, said the lawyer, as he suggested that police officers from Sabah or Sarawak be brought in to handle the investigations.

He urged the media not to criticise Aminulrasyid's family or to brand the deceased as a criminal.

Lawyers N Surendran and Latheefa Koya have also been acting for the family since the incident.

"We have no issues with Karpal acting for the family. As long as we can the job done, any help is welcome," said Surendran.

Meanwhile, in a related development, PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar and his counterparts DAP's Anthony Loke and PAS' Nasaruddin Hasan sent a memorandum to national human rights commission Suhakam at 3pm today.

They demanded that the commission form an independent body to investigate the shooting.

The Pakatan leaders had a short dialogue with Suhakam secretary Hashimah Nik Jaffar since the organisation, at present, has not appointed new commissioners.

Hashimah promised to forward the Youth leaders memorandum to Suhakam commissioners.

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