

'IGP Musa, stop complaining and take action'
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Suaram has called on outgoing Chief of Police (IGP) Musa Hassan to take immediate action if he claims that there has been third party interference in the police force (PDRM), and not just air his grievances through the media.

NONEThe human rights NGO said that if true, it was also his successor IGP Ismail Omar's responsibility to take necessary action when he assumes office after Musa's contract expires today.

"We are disappointed with IGP Musa Hassan (right), who has served PDRM for 41 years but whom during his leadership has been unable to solve issues of interference and abuse of power that (he alleges) exists in the force," said Suaram in a statement yesterday.

Suaram noted how Musa had raised the issue of "interference" only after his contract was not renewed.

Suaram also reiterated calls for an independent monitoring mechanism that is fair and transparent to ensure that abuse of power and interference in the police force does not take place.

It is convinced that the change in IGP will do nothing to restore public confidence in the credibility of the police force as long as it is continues to be "controlled by and used by the BN government".

ipcmc bar council putrajaya 141106 bannersThe NGO warns that if police reforms are not forthcoming, in particular with the heeding of long-standing calls for the establishment of the Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission (IPCMC), the government stands to lose the people's vote in upcoming elections.

Musa, who was also the investigating officer during Anwar Ibrahim's first sodomy case in 1998, told the press last Monday at his final official press conference in Bukit Aman that the police force had faced constant interference from third parties, amongst them the Home Ministry.

His claims has received criticism from both the government, who has denied the allegations, and the opposition, who asserts that this proves Musa's lack of professionalism and credibility.