

No compromise over lost evidence, says IGP
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Inspector-General of Police Musa Hassan has expressed his dissatisfaction with some of his men for their negligence in losing evidence for court cases.

I will no longer compromise with policemen who lose physical evidence necessary for court cases through their negligence, he told Bernama.

He said all policemen must regard as a lesson learnt the acquittal of a man by the Shah Alam Court on Thursday in a drug trafficking case due to missing psychotropic pills that were meant to be part of the physical evidence.

"The police abide by the decision of the court but I wish to remind all police officers and men that the duty of the police is challenging and the sense of responsibility is important. This is not pointing fingers at anyone.

Loss detected in 2005

"The case failed because of the loss of 49,000 psychotropic pills which were supposed to be part of the physical evidence. It is important at this point to ensure that such a thing does not recur. I'm not going to compromise with this kind of matter anymore," he said.

On Thursday, a 63-year-old man was freed by the Shah Alam High Court of trafficking in 61,750 Eramin-5 pills at Batu 9, Cheras on Nov 25 2002 after he was charged under Section 39B (1) (a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1962 that carries the mandatory death penalty.

During the trial in 2005, it was realised that 49,000 of the psychotropic pills had gone missing.

Musa said the negligence in the case was most regrettable and is something that should not have happened.

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