

Heads must roll over Pulau Mabul attack, says Teresa Kok
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Heads must roll following the latest security breach on Pulau Mabul, off Semporna, which led to the death of one policeman and the kidnap of another, Teresa Kok said today.

The Seputeh MP said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, if he had to, must appoint a new home minister without any delay.

This, she said, was because the government had been unable to provide effective protection along Sabah's east coast despite setting up the Eastern Sabah Security Command (Esscom).

"When launching Esscom in April last year, Najib had said that among the steps to be taken to ensure peace along Sabah's coastline was that there will be effective round-the-clock coastal surveillance."

(Esscom was meant to boost maritime security in the eastern part of Sabah to prevent terrorism activities in the state's waters.)

"After the murder of a Taiwanese tourist and abduction of his wife on Pulau Pom Pom on November 15 last year, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar had also given an assurance that the police and armed forces would enhance security in Semporna, including all of eastern Sabah," said Kok, who is also DAP national vice-chairperson.

She said all that, however, did not pan out as expected.

Furthermore, Kok said that Najib's reaction to the latest incident was "most disappointing and will not instil public confidence in Esscom's effectiveness".

After the Pulau Mabul incident, she said Najib reportedly said "there are not enough security personnel at resorts in the area. There are weaknesses in the security placement and planning on the ground in the Esszone".

Kok, in extending her condolences to the murdered policeman's family, said the PM's statements failed to do justice to the magnitude of the incident and a number of breaches and kidnappings taken place in the past year.

"Najib should reject such explanations and take tough actions on this latest security breach.

"Heads must roll and if a new home minister needs to be appointed, Najib must do it without hesitation and delay."

In the Saturday night attack, Corporal Abdul Rajah Jamuan, 32, was shot dead in an ambush at the Mabul Water Bungalows Resort and his colleague, Constable Zakiah Aleip was kidnapped by eight Filipino gunmen.

The gunmen were reported to have fled to southern Philippines.

The Star reported that Rajah was buried today with full honours at the Muslim cemetery near his home village of Kampung Bubul, about 6km from the Sabah east coast town.

The authorities are still trying to determine the group responsible for the commando-style stealth attack and whether they were from the Abu Sayyaf group, a breakaway Moro faction linked to MMLF or the so-called Sulu Sultanate's royal army. - July 14, 2014.

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