

Mass graves, camps a good reason to revive police commission, says DAP
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Putrajaya should use the recent discovery of mass graves and human-trafficking camps in Perlis as an impetus to establish the Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission (IPCMC), a DAP lawmaker said today.

Bukit Mertajam MP Steven Sim said in a statement claims that the camps were an "inside job" involving Malaysian police officers were not "something new" and had been highlighted numerous times in reports regarding human trafficking in Malaysia.

"The arrest of police officers in this case proves that all the claims made before this was valid," Sim said.

A report by the US Senate's Foreign Relations Committee in 2009 highlighted the involvement of Malaysian police officers in human-trafficking syndicates at the Malaysian-Thai border.

Sim's call comes 10 years after a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) recommended IPCMC to be set up, only for the government to ignore the recommendation.

The mass graves and camps were discovered when thousands of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar were stranded at sea for months after being abandoned by human traffickers whose usual trafficking route in Thailand was being targeted by Thai authorities.

"This issue should be used as a basis to set up IPCMC so that the police force's dignity can be restored and not be tainted by some irresponsible officers." – June 1, 2015.

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