

Muhammad Thaqif Amin's Case: Police To Submit Application To Re prosecute

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 11 (Bernama) -- Police will file an application to the Deputy Public Prosecutor's Office to re prosecute the case involving the assistant warden of a tahfiz school who was previously charged with the murder of 11 year-old student Mohamad Thaqif Amin Mohd Ghadaffi three months ago.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Noor Rashid Ibrahim said this followed the results of the post-mortem released yesterday confirming that the boy had died from leptospirosis and not due to other alleged injuries.

"Prior to this, we classified the case under Section 302 of the Penal Code for murder, but after looking at the results of the post-mortem which concluded that the boy had died of leptospirosis, of course we cannot charge the accused under that section for murder," he told a press conference after attending Special Branch's Aidilfitri do at Bukit Aman here today.

Noor Rashid said the police were mulling re prosecuting the case under Section 324 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing injury.

Yesterday, Health Director-General Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Mohamad Thaqif Amin's death was due to leptospirosis and not from trauma or injury.

Results of the post-mortem also found that his condition was complicated by necrosis (death of most or all of the cells in an organ or tissue) and microthrombi (disseminated intravascular coagulation) in the blood vessels which caused a change in the skin colour and failure of the organs to function.

The boy died at the Sultan Ismail Hospital here on April 26 before an operation to amputate his right hand could be performed as it had been infected after he was allegedly beaten by an assistant warden.

Earlier, both his legs had to be amputated for the same reason.

Meanwhile, when asked to comment on the case involving a detainee in Penang who escaped while being transported in a police van on Sunday, Noor Rashid said police would take action against all parties involved and study the weaknesses of the standard operating procedure in this case.

"We will not compromise with anyone on this," he said.

In the incident at 2.30am on Sunday, six policemen were accompanying three detainees, who were being transported from the Bayan Baru Centre lock-up to the Balik Pulau Hospital for treatment, when one of them escaped after the van broke down in Paya Terubong.

All the policemen who accompanied the suspects have been detained to facilitate in the investigations.

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