

# Missing activist's wife wants protection given to Special Branch officer



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*Norhayati Ariffin, the wife of missing activist Amri Che Mat, says Special Branch officer Sergeant Shamzaini should get protection from the Home Ministry. – The Malaysian Insight pic by Kamal Ariffin, May 30, 2018.*

THE wife of missing activist Amri Che Mat wants the Home Ministry to provide protection to a Special Branch officer due to testify in a Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) public inquiry.

Norhayati Ariffin said she hopes protection will be given to Sergeant Shamzaini.

"We hope that he can reveal freely what he had exposed (on Amri's abduction).

"Having exposed such a big secret, he will definitely feel pressured, and might have to divulge all the information.

"We hope he gets the protection he needs," she said after the Suhakam inquiry today.

She was summoned to give her testimony regarding the Special Branch officer, who claimed that police were involved in the abductions of her husband and Pastor Raymond Koh.

The officer allegedly told Norhayati that Bukit Aman was responsible for their disappearance.

Norhayati said on May 12, the officer had visited her house in Kangar, and told her that Amri had been taken away by policemen from Bukit Aman.

"That was the only time I've met him. He said not to record the conversation, and he was quite anxious and afraid when he met me.

"He also said he won't meet me again."

Koh's wife, Susanna Liew, who attended the inquiry, said after waiting more than year, they finally have some information on the abduction of the two men.

"We are concerned that police have not come out with any comments. We are concerned about the safety of the whistle-blower.

"We urge the Home Ministry to expedite (the matter) and look into these serious allegations, that the Special Branch was involved."

Amri, who is also a forex trader, went missing on November 24, 2016. He is believed to have been abducted by a group of people in four-wheel-drive vehicles that were seen surrounding his car in Kg Padang Behor.

Koh was abducted on February 13 last year by several men in balaclavas who used black SUVs to block his car in Petaling Jaya. – May 30, 2018.

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