



R. Sondarajan, 50, showing his fractured right temporal bone after being allegedly assaulted after a minor accident

# Man claims assault by cop over minor crash

TELUK INTAN: A 50-year-old man said he was beaten up in the compound of the Hilir Perak district police headquarters by a man claiming to be a policeman following a minor road accident here last month.

R. Sondarajan suffered injuries to the face and was in hospital for eight days.

According to a medical report by Teluk Intan Hospital's Ear, Nose and Throat specialist Dr Sanjay Kumar Gudwani, he also suffered loss of hearing in the right ear.

"Till today, I cannot close my right eye while the right side of my face has sagged because of the injuries," Sondarajan said here yesterday.

He said he was driving his van along Jalan Changkat Jong here about 11.30pm on March 1 when he grazed the handle of a motorcycle.

He continued driving as the motorcyclist did not fall off his machine and shrugged it off as a minor accident.

"All of a sudden, I realised that three motorcyclists were pursuing me and they banged and kicked at my van while shouting for me to stop," he said.

Fearing for his life, Sondarajan said he drove to the district police headquarters.

"They followed me as I drove into the compound. As I alighted from my van, one of them, believed to be in his 30s, approached me and identified himself as a policeman.

"He demanded to know why I knocked into his younger brother but before I could answer, he hit me on the right side of my face with a helmet," he said.

Sondarajan said this happened in full view of several policemen.

He said had lodged two police reports, but claimed that no action had been taken.

"It has been two weeks since my last report, but I have not been called for my statement to be recorded," he added.

State CID chief SAC 11 Patrick Jiges Sijore confirmed that two police reports were lodged by Sondarajan over the alleged assault.

He said the case was being investigated for voluntarily causing hurt.

Asked if the assailant was a police personnel, he said: "One of those involved in the ongoing investigations is a policeman."



**My injuries:** Sondarajan explaining how he was attacked recently as his lawyer Terence Naidu looks on during the press conference in Ipoh on Friday.

## Man: Cop hit me with crash helmet

**IPOH:** A 50-year-old man is alleging that a police detective hit him on the head with a crash helmet over a motorcycle accident.

R. Sondarajan claimed that his assailant introduced himself as a policeman before assaulting him at the Teluk Intan police station at 11.20pm on March 1.

"I was alighting from my van near the station's sentry when suddenly he came towards me and hit me on the right side of my head with a helmet.

"The blow was so strong that I nearly fainted," he said at a press conference here.

The self-employed man from Changkat Jong, Teluk Intan, said he had gone to the police station to report an accident involving his van and a motorcycle, claimed the policeman was the motorcyclist's brother.

He said several policemen manning the enquiry counter quickly rushed to his rescue.

"One of them immediately called the ambulance. I was hospitalised for eight days after

the attack," he said.

Sondarajan showed reporters a report by Teluk Intan Hospital Ear, Nose and Throat specialist Dr Sanjay Kumar Gudwani, who had examined him. The report said he had a fracture on the right side of his face and also suffered facial nerve palsy.

"Now I cannot close my right eyelid and the left side of my mouth has become lopsided," he said.

Sondarajan said his hearing had also been affected and his speech slurred following the attack.

"I lodged a report on the incident at the Teluk Intan police station on March 16 but no action has been taken.

"When I asked, they told me that they have referred the case to the state police contingent for further instruction," he added.

Perak CID chief Senior Asst Comm (II) Patrick Jijes Sijore confirmed a report had been lodged.