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We need to find out origin of drugs, says Pemadam deputy president

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MORE and more people are baying for blood over how Ng Pei Ven's action of driving against traffic flow while high on drugs had resulted in the death of an innocent man.

However, those who knew the effects of methamphetamine, or meth, on a person have a different opinion on how the teenager should be punished.

Malaysian Drug Prevention Association (Pemadam) deputy president Datuk Mohamad Suhaimi Abdullah said instead of charging her with murder, the public should realise that the teenager needed help.

"I would treat her as a patient because she didn't know (what was happening when she was high on drugs).

"We need to send her to a rehabilitation centre and give her a chance. How can we punish her (for murder) if she was unaware (of what she was doing at the time)?"

"This teenager can still be cured. She will regret what she did when she finds out what happened. This type of drug can make anyone go insane," he told the *New Straits Times*.

On Tuesday, the teenager drove her car at high speed against the flow of traffic along the North-South Expressway (NSE) after the Sungai Dua toll on mainland Butterworth and triggered a multiple vehicle collision.

Her Proton Gen 2 struck the Perodua Kelisa driven by Mohamad Fandi Rosli, 26, which led to a chain of other collisions.

Fandi died at the scene due to severe head and bodily injuries. The teenager and four others escaped with minor injuries.

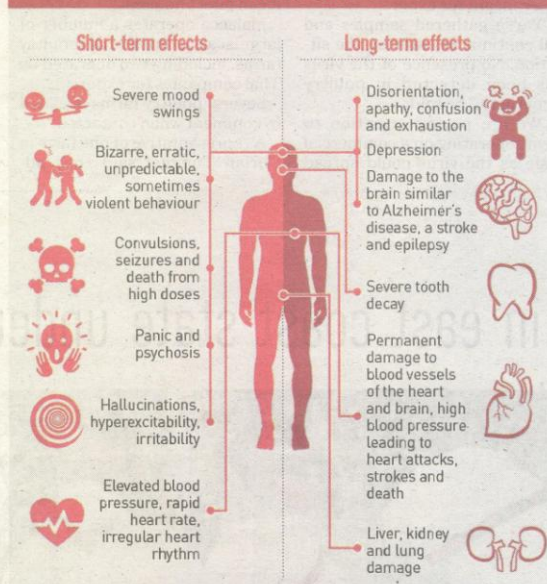
Since then, Netizens have expressed outrage, with some even spamming her social media ac-



METHAMPHETAMINE (METH)

- A highly addictive stimulant which is also known as ice, syabu, crystal, crystal meth or d-meth
- Meth comes as a powder or crystals that are usually snorted, injected or smoked
- The effects can last for up to 12 hours

What does it do?



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counts calling for her death, and others pressing for the authorities to charge her with murder.

Suhaimi explained that meth could cause someone to hallucinate to the point that they would start hearing voices.

When this happens, he said, users would become unaware of their surroundings and listen to the voices.

"I feel very disturbed by such cases and they are increasing.

"Nowadays, when people are stressed, they resort to taking drugs but what they don't un-

derstand is that drugs will not solve their problems.

"Instead, it will create problems for others.

"In this case, Fandi lost his life although he's not a drug user. This is unfair to him. Of course his parents want justice.

"In my opinion, we need to find out where this teenager got the drugs.

"Was it planted in her drink? Did she buy it on her own? If she bought it, we need to find out who the dealers are because we need to put a stop to this now."



Ng Pei Ven at the magistrate's court in Bukit Mertajam on Wednesday. PIC BY AMIR IRSYAD OMAR

Netizens express fury on teenager's FB page

BUKIT MERTA JAM: Furious Malaysians have taken to Ng Pei Ven's Facebook page to condemn her.

The 19-year-old, whose act of driving against traffic along the North-South Expressway on Tuesday claimed a life, has become the prime target of angry Netizens.

Soon after the incident on Tuesday, Ng's Facebook page — Cindy Ng — was spammed with all sorts of posts, with some labelling her a "murderer".

They also commented on her photos as well as timeline, mostly telling her "to die" since she committed the alleged crime.

Checks by the *New Straits Times* yesterday, however, revealed that her Facebook page, which used to be filled with posts of her involvement in modelling activities and beauty pageants, had been removed.

A photograph of her sitting on a superbike and her participation in a beauty pageant last year,

which had since been widely circulated, were all removed. Other earlier posts had also been deleted.

Since then, social media users have turned their attention to commenting on news links related to Ng.

A Facebook user, Karl Bazi, wrote "Murderer: Death Penalty" while another person, Abdullah Hakim, wrote: "Death penalty or jail forever."

However, there were also those who said the teenager needed psychological help.

Reports that Ng owned a disabled person's card also did not sit well with Netizens.

Seberang Prai Tengah district police chief Assistant Commissioner Nik Ros Azhan Nik Abdul Hamid confirmed that the woman was indeed disabled.

"She is a slow learner... it is true. Let us investigate this thoroughly.

"People should not jump to conclusions," he said.

Driver to be charged with drug-related offence today

GEORGE TOWN: The 19-year-old woman, whose act of driving against traffic along the North-South Expressway on Tuesday claimed a life, will be charged at the magistrate's court in Bukit Mertajam today for a drug-related offence.

Seberang Prai Tengah district police chief Assistant Commissioner Nik Ros Azhan Nik Abdul Hamid said she would be charged under Section 15(1) of the Dan-

gerous Drug Act for administering drugs into the body.

Police confirmed on Wednesday that Ng Pei Ven's urine tested positive for amphetamine. They had also established that she was "hallucinating" at the time of the incident.

Nik Ros Azhan said investigations into the case had been completed and had been handed over to the Deputy Public Prosecutor's Office yesterday morning.