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Police brutality reports - Labour demands answers

Karl Stagno-Navarra

THE Labour Party will be calling for a public inquiry into the alleged series of reports on police beatings, should a series of parliamentary questions reveal a pattern of abuse.

The PL spokesman for justice José Herrera, who is also defence counsel to a young man who alleges he was brutally beaten by two plain clothes police officers over a parking place in Sliema, has challenged Home Affairs Minister Carm Mifsud Bonnici to answer questions in Parliament over the series of reports of alleged police brutality that have come to light through the media.

"I am asking the minister to give me the details of how many reports on police brutality have been filed by citizens this year, what investigations have been carried out and what the conclusions were," José Herrera said, adding that if it transpires that the replies reveal a "dangerous pattern" then he will definitely call for a public inquiry to investigate such abuses.

Asked to comment about this latest case of alleged police brutality, the Ministry for Justice and Home Affairs replied that "although each case has its particular merits, this one is currently sub judice."

"The Ministry trusts that the Court will ensure that justice prevails and is confident that whoever is found to have erred will face the consequences of his mistakes at law." - page 5

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