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## **2,500 prisoners died since 2000**

**MORE** than 2,500 prisoners and people held in rehabilitation centres and illegal immigrant depots have died in the last nine years. In the same period, 153 people died in police custody. Home Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, who said this yesterday, said most of them died of diseases such as HIV/AIDS, septicaemia, tuberculosis, cancer, heart attack and asthma. Other causes included suicide and fights among the detainees, he said to a question from Liew Chin Tong (DAP-Bukit Bendera).