

Council worker shot dead at home

KUALA LUMPUR: A Selayang Municipal Council employee was murdered by two men on a motorcycle outside his house in Selayang Baru, near here, early yesterday morning.

K. Celladurai, 49, who was the office assistant at the council's planning department, was shot at close range by gunmen on a motorcycle at 7.20am as he was about to go to work.

The two were cornered by neighbours immediately after the shooting but there was nothing the group could do after one of the gunmen pointed his weapon at them.

Gombak police chief Assistant Commissioner Abdul Rahim Abdullah said Celladurai had four gunshot wounds and died on the way to Selayang Hospital.

Rahim said police were looking at business rivalry and the involvement of loan sharks as possible motives for the attack.

Investigations revealed that Celladurai was also involved in direct-selling and operated a stall at the Selayang wholesale market.



K. Celladurai's house in Selayang Baru.

Celladurai's eldest son, Surenthiran, 21, a college student, said his father was popular in the neighbourhood.

"As far as we were concerned, he had no enemies or problems with anyone," he said.

Celladurai leaves a wife and four

children.

Council public relations and corporate communications director Zain Masoad said Celladurai's work did not endanger him.

"Most of his working hours were spent in the office."