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MUMBAI: Slain advocate Shahid Azmi's family has held Mumbai police responsible for his killing, even as cops are yet to make a breakthrough in his murder.

"In 2007, my brother had got threatening calls and in 2008 he had again reminded police that somebody was following him. Our only contention is that why did the police remove his security cover?," asked his brother.

The family alleged role of some central agency as Azmi was instrumental in fighting many terror-related cases including defending 26/11 accused Fahim Ansari. He was representing Ansari accused of supplying target maps to LeT operatives in Pakistan.

"My brother had told us once that he knew the consequences he would have to face because he was fighting against the system which had falsely implicated innocent persons in the blast cases," said Azmi's elder brother.

"Otherwise, tell me what is the reason for killing a criminal lawyer who has in many cases fought freely for the poor. In fact, one of the callers who had threatened him in 2008, expressed his surprise that he stayed in a middle-class housing society," said Azmi's younger brother.

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