

'Servo killer' teen's taunts

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A TEENAGER accused of brutally murdering a service station worker has been put into segregation for allegedly repeatedly threatening to rape and murder juvenile justice officers "in the name of Allah".

The teenager's threats have renewed calls for a Supermax-style wing for extremely violent high-risk juvenile offend-

ers to be built following a "positive" meeting between union officials and NSW Corrections Minister David Elliott about the proposal last week.

The 16-year-old is accused of stabbing 29-year-old Zee-shan Akbar to death at a Queanbeyan Caltex service station in April, before robbing him. Sources said the letters "IS" were also found scrawled in blood at the scene.

While being held at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre in Kariong, the teen has

repeatedly threatened to stab and rape officers, their families and other detainees, prison sources say.

It is understood the boy, who has been charged over the alleged threats, is also being investigated for previously posting radical material online.

His 15-year-old co-accused, who is being held in a separate justice centre, is understood to be complying with staff.

It comes as another officer at the same centre was this

week hospitalised with head injuries after being assaulted by an 18-year-old detainee, who is facing charges and a move to an adult maximum-security jail.

Public Service Association general secretary Stewart Little said the minister was "quite receptive" and was confident the government would allocate funding in this year's budget for a purpose-built Supermax for young offenders.

"We had some productive discussions and certainly the

indications from the minister are that they would be amenable and they share some of the concerns we have," Mr Little said.

"Not only in respect of the terror-related people, but you also have some high-risk juvenile offenders who have been charged with some other horrendous crimes and it's important we deal with that and have a purpose-built facility.

"I think the minister understands the difficulties our members are facing and there's

no disputing the high risk. We will be extremely disappointed if there is no funding allocated for it."

Mr Little said the ideal location for the maximum-security remand wing would be at Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre in Werrington, where most high-risk detainees are held.

Corrections Minister David Elliott said last week's meeting with the PSA was "positive", but would not comment on future plans for the Supermax-style wing.