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MARINE POLICE SHOULD ACQUIRE SKILLS TO COUNTER SEA POLLUTION, MAHATHIR  
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LANGKAWI, June 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed the hope that the Royal Malaysia Police will enhance the skills of its Marine force by training them to fight sea pollution arising from oil spills and to handle other emergencies apart from safeguarding the country's territorial waters.

With Langkawi's rapid economic development, the government hoped the police force would instill a higher degree of professionalism among its officers and staff to face bigger challenges in the future, he said.

"Under the current Sixth Malaysia Plan, the government has allocated about RM5 million to build the Marine Police Jetty here to ensure the security of Langkawi waters and the northern area of the peninsula," he said when opening the Langkawi District Police headquarters building here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also Home Minister, said the Marine Police would be equipped with better weapons in line with the rapid development on Langkawi so that everyone with interests on the island would feel secure. -- more

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Dr Mahathir expressed confidence in the ability of the police force in providing security to participants of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima) exhibition and delegates to international conferences here in the future.

He also said the arrival of many investors here had indirectly provided an opportunity for the local people to raise their standard of living.

The clean beaches which are on par with those in Hawaii and the Caribbean and the sense of security had persuaded many people to come over here, he said.

Dr Mahathir said under the Northern Triangle Development concept involving the northern part of Peninsular Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, Langkawi would emerge as a tourist destination under the Phuket-Langkawi-Danao Toba package.

The Prime Minister urged the people to ensure peace and harmony so that Langkawi would be noted as the most peaceful tourist destination in the region. -- more

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He noted that the police had secured many successes such as nabbing illegal immigrants, seizing dadah and other smuggled goods through their efficiency and courage.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Mohamed Noor said Langkawi was designated as a Police District on July 1, 1991.

He said work on the RM28 million police headquarters building began in 1991 and completed last May. -- Bernama

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