

DAP lodges reports against Dr M

PENANG, Thurs. — The DAP today lodged three separate police reports against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his allegedly "false and malicious" statements on DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang.

The DAP candidates who lodged the reports at the State Contingent Police Headquarters this afternoon were Teoh Teik Huat (Bukit Mertajam parliamentary and Paya Terubong State seats), Cheah Teik Hoe (Kampong Kolam state seat) and Chow Kon Yeow (Pengkalan Kota State seat).

They spent about two hours at the police headquarters. It is understood that the reports would be referred to the State Criminal Investigation Department chief, Senior Assistant Commissioner Loo Choo Huat.

Earlier, the three told reporters that their police reports were on Dr Mahathir's Press statement published on April 18, alleging that Kit Siang had insulted the police by daring them to arrest him for defying a police order not to hold the DAP mammoth dinner at the Esplanade.

They said Dr Mahathir had repeated the accusation in Ayer Keroh, Malacca, which was broadcast over local television later.

They made the police reports under Section 8A(1) of the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984.

Teoh said Dr Mahathir had falsely accused Kit Siang of having dared the police at the Esplanade, by using the words "*berani tangkap saya*" to the police.

The three of them were with Kit Siang then and stood witness that Kit Siang had never used such words.

"Dr Mahathir's statement was false, a malicious fabrication and an absolute lie. Kit Siang had never uttered those words," Teoh said.

He clarified that the police officer on duty had allowed Kit Siang to address the DAP supporters present.

He said Kit Siang spoke for about four minutes and had asked the people to go to the Fortuna restaurant.