

# PM pledges action in police case

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JITRA, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said the Government would take action against the parties responsible for the death of an air-condition mechanic in police detention.

"We will conduct an investigation and if we find he was murdered, we will take the responsible parties to court," he said when asked to comment on the death of Lee Quat Leong, 44, who was a witness in the multi-million ringgit Mayban Finance Cheras branch break-in, early March.

The Prime Minister said an investigation would be conducted to ascertain the cause of the death.

"We have to carry out an investigation because we do not know whether he was murdered," he said at the thanksgiving lunch held in conjunction with last month's Barisan Nasional victory at Kampung Padang Halban here.

Dr Mahathir said he had not received the report on

the case.

On Thursday, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Nor had promised a "fair and thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of the crime, even if they turn out to be police officers". The police had classified the case as murder.

Asked whether the Government would expand the list of controlled items, Dr Mahathir said the Government would study whether this was necessary.

However he said the Government had no intention of controlling the prices of luxury items.

On his two-day visit to several places in Kedah since yesterday, the Prime Minister said it was to see for himself how horses could be used to patrol areas near the Malaysia-Thai border.

The Prime Minister was also briefed on the development of a RM50 million golf and country resort by Sriwani Holdings Berhad executive director Razak Yahya and the landscaping of Bukit Kayu Hitam town by JML architect Jamalulhak Jamaluddin.

Later, during his visit to Napoh, Dr Mahathir was briefed on the on-going construction work on the Kedah Regional Development

Authority's (Keda's) RM7 million small and medium-scale industrial park by its general manager Md Yusof Md Johor.

Md Yusof said the park, which included 60 units of terraced shoplots, a multi-purpose hall, recreational centre and conference centre, would be ready in February next year.

He said the park, which would also be beautifully landscaped, would provide a more conducive working environment for tenants.

"With all the facilities available, we hope the workers will find their working places enjoyable instead of being merely another working place," he said, adding that Keda would also allow nearby residents to use its multi-purpose hall to hold gatherings, *kenduri* or weddings.

Md Yusof said almost all the 28 units being built under the first phase had been snapped up. He said a Bumiputera firm which manufactures cables for computers had already booked several units in an effort to expand its production.

Dr Mahathir was also taken on a boat ride along Sungai Kedah to gauge the feasibility of turning the river into another tourist attraction.