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Police interview six over sedition report

ALOR STAR, Tues. - A Federal police team, which has taken over the investigation into a sedition report lodged against Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid from the Kota Setar police, today recorded statements from six people.

Among the six were Sanusi's aides - political secretary Md Rozai Sopian and media and communication manager Aziz Desa.

Both were interviewed by Federal police officers at the Kota Setar police headquarters this afternoon.

The team had earlier recorded statements from the three complainants - State Pas Youth chief Mahfuz Omar, and Pas members Zulkifli Che Harun, 29, and Shafie Mat Saman, 62.

Penang-based TV3 reporter Malik Faisal, who was alleged to have recorded the statement by Sanusi over TV3's prime-time news on Aug 18, was also interviewed by the team.

Sources said the team was expected to interview more people including an RTM reporter.

On Aug 21, the three Pas members had lodged separate reports against Sanusi for allegedly uttering seditious words in a statement over TV3's prime-time news.

In their reports, they claimed that Sanusi had incited the Kedah people to stage a bloody revolt against anyone brave enough to make uncalled-for statements against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the Kedah Umno convention in Langkawi recently.

They also claimed that Sanusi had warned he would order the people, especially Umno members, to go all out and fight such people "until there is a bloodbath".

Last week, Mahfuz, unhappy with the progress of police investigation, wrote to the Kota Setar police for an explanation.

He also personally delivered a letter expressing his unhappiness with the delay in the investigation to Kota Setar police chief Assistant Commissioner Mustaffa Abdullah last Wednesday.

Mahfuz met Mustaffa two days later but was dissatisfied with the explanation given. Mustaffa told Mahfuz that the case is now being handled by the Federal police.

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