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POLICE TO SET UP COMPUTER CRIME UNIT

KUALA LUMPUR, May 1 (Bernama) -- The police are to set up a computer crime unit and are looking for suitable candidates as uniformed personnel, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said today.

He said the setting up of the unit, in keeping up with the rapid growth of Information Technology (IT), was being looked into to ensure it could adequately deal with computer crimes in terms of law enforcement and prosecution.

"We are looking for computer experts to join the force as well as graduates," he told reporters after sending off Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for a week visit to three African countries, at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, Subang, near here.

Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister Datuk Leo Moggie yesterday mentioned about the unit in his speech winding up the debate on the Computer Crime Bill 1997 in the Dewan Rakyat.

Apart from the bill which was later passed by the Dewan Rakyat, other cyber laws tabled were the Digital Signature Bill 1997 and Telemedicine Bill 1997.

Megat Junid said the recruitment of computer experts was important to prepare the police in dealing with sophisticated crimes, especially commercial crimes.

He said officers of the computer unit would be sent for courses locally and overseas.

He said Dr Mahathir who is also Home Minister had raised on several occasions the need for the police to upgrade their capability to deal with sophisticated crimes. -- BERNAMA

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