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NO INFO ON APPOINTMENT OF IGP, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he has not received information regarding the appointment of a new Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to replace Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor who resigned last January.

"I have not received information yet," he told reporters at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang on his return from a two-day visit to Sabah.

He said this when asked whether the appointment of the new IGP has been made.

The post has not been filled yet and Deputy IGP Tan Sri Norian Mai is now carrying out the duties of the IGP.

Abdul Rahim resigned from the post effective last Jan 8, saying he was taking full responsibility for the injuries sustained by former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody.

Abdul Rahim made the decision after Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah's press statement on Jan 5 that he held the police responsible for Anwar's injuries based on the findings of a police investigation.

On Feb 4, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the government had not yet decided on the new IGP.

Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, said the government would make the appointment when it was ready.

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