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Norian: Police to probe into alleged death threat

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Police will act against those responsible for the alleged death threat against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Acting Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said today the police would investigate to determine those involved.

Norian said this at the Federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman when commenting on a report in a local newspaper that former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff had received a death threat against Dr Mahathir.

Yesterday, Osman received a telephone call at his house about 1am, where the caller told him to warn Dr Mahathir not to visit Kedah as planned.

Meanwhile, Norian warned those involved in illegal gatherings to heed police advice to disperse or face the necessary action.

In Kota Baru, State Education director Mohamed Hassan said the department had yet to receive a report on a teacher alleged to be involved in the discovery of a tape containing calls for the assassination of Dr Mahathir and other Umno leaders.

He said the department would take the necessary action once it received the report.

"Police are still investigating the case. If there is evidence to show that any of our teachers are involved, necessary action will be taken," he added.

He said this when asked to comment on a statement by Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali last Friday that he was given a tape which contained calls for the assassination of Umno leaders including Dr Mahathir.

Ibrahim said the tape was found in the drawer of a teacher's table in a school in Tumpat early this month.

Meanwhile, State police chief Senior Assistant Commissioner (I) Datuk Mohd Yunus Othman said police were still investigating the case and did not rule out the possibility of calling more people for questioning.

It was reported that police had questioned five people in connection with the report. However, no arrest has been made.

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