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Norian: We'll give full support to Commission of Inquiry

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The police will give their full support to the independent Commission of Inquiry set up to investigate the alleged assault on Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody.

The commission, headed by former Chief Judge of Malaya Tan Sri Anuar Zainal Abidin, was set up on Wednesday.

Acting Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said today the police would give the necessary assistance and full support to the commission.

"In compliance with the Prime Minister's directive that police investigations be stopped after the commission is set up, we will no longer be involved in our investigations into the assault," he said.

Norian said this after witnessing the passing-out parade of 150 cadet inspectors at the Police Training Centre in Jalan Semarak.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said the commission would take over investigations from the police with immediate effect.

Dr Mahathir had said that with the formation of the commission, the police would stop all investigations (into the alleged assault).

The other members of the commission are former Court of Appeal judge Datuk Mahadev Shankar, Pantai Medical Centre's consultant orthopaedic surgeon Datuk Dr Yeoh Poh Hong and former Attorney-General Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman.

It is learnt that the commission would submit its findings directly to Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah.

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