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Police probe alleged threat

ALOR STAR, Wed. - Police have started an investigation to trace the caller who allegedly threatened to assassinate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the latter's visit to Kedah last Sunday.

State Criminal Investigation Department chief Assistant Commissioner Abdul Jalal Mohd Yunus said police had yet to narrow down on the suspect.

Former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff lodged a report on the threat to Kedah police chief Datuk Nik Ismail Nik Yusoff at the State police headquarters in Jalan Stadium yesterday.

Osman, who is Dr Mahathir's personal assistant in Kubang Pasu, had told police that he received a telephone call from a man at his residence in Jalan Menteri about 12.50am last Sunday.

The caller, who identified himself as an officer from the Welfare Services Department, had asked him to inform Dr Mahathir to cancel his working visit to Kedah.

Osman received the call about six hours before Dr Mahathir was due to arrive at the Sultan Abdul Halim airport in Kepala Batas for a two-day official visit to Kedah.

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