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Police question six over tape

KOTA BARU, Wed. - Six people have been questioned by police to facilitate investigations into a tape which allegedly incited the people to assassinate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and other Umno leaders.

Kelantan police chief Senior Assistant Commissioner (I) Datuk Mohd Yunus Othman said today the six were locals aged between 30 and 40.

He said the sixth person was summoned to the State police headquarters early this month.

He said if necessary, the police would call several more people to assist in the investigations.

Mohd Yunus added that the police were trying to determine the source, identify speaker, and those responsible for producing and distributing the tape.

He said the police obtained the tape about two weeks ago.

Mohd Yunus was speaking to reporters after attending the State-level 29th police cadet anniversary celebration at the General Operations Force of the Eighth Battalion in Pengkalan Chepa.

Also present were district police chiefs and several senior police officers.

Mohd Yunus said the police would ensure that the tapes were not circulated, especially in the villages as it could threaten national security.

A police report on the tape was lodged by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali about two weeks ago.

In another development, Mohd Yunus said the police would set up a counter to assist the public when dealing with problems, especially those related to settling traffic summonses.

When asked about the number of crime cases reported in the State over the last two months, Mohd Yunus said 64 cases had been reported, including 43 involving juveniles.

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