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Still no word on Rahim's replacement

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has yet to be informed on the appointment of a new Inspector-General of Police to succeed Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor who resigned two months ago.

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

The Prime Minister said this when asked if a successor to replace Abdul Rahim had been appointed.

Following Abdul Rahim's resignation, the post of IGP has been left vacant and the duties assumed by Deputy IGP Tan Sri Norian Mai.

Abdul Rahim resigned from the post on Jan 8 after declaring that 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 announcement after Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah said on Jan 5 that he held the police responsible for Anwar's injuries based on the findings of a police investigation.

On the death of baby dugong Si Tenang, barely 48 hours after it was released into the open sea, Dr Mahathir said it was unfortunate.

"It was right to set it free," he added. "It should not be kept in captivity."

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