

# IGP: Probe only if Swiss firm lodges report

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Sat:** The police cannot investigate claims made by a Swiss-based company against a non-governmental organisation (NGO) here for not paying for over 300 pieces of limited edition watches worth RM12 million unless a report is lodged.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai

said an 'in-depth' investigation will be conducted only after there is a police report.

"Yes, definitely ... we will investigate if there is a report, but only after that," he said after attending a Hari Raya children's party organised by Puspanita for the Home Ministry staff in Bukit Aman today.

Quoting sources, a Malay daily reported yesterday that the Swiss company was seek-

ing the return of the watches, which is specially designed with the picture and signature of the Prime Minister on it, after the NGO concerned failed to get Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's approval to launch and sell them.

The original plan was to sell the watches at a cost of RM40,000 to Umno leaders and corporate figures.

The NGO, according to the report, is now in a fix as

before they could be returned, part of the consignment went missing, dragging Wanita Umno, who acted as their guarantors, into the problem.

Umno Wanita chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman on Thursday confirmed an investigation by the movement into the matter.

She added that a statement on the matter will only be made after the probe is completed.