

Negligence still apparent in safeguarding weapons, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad expressed his disappointment today over the second incident involving the security forces that occurred barely a month after the Grik weapons heist which shocked the nation.

He said it showed that negligence is still apparent in the security forces despite the government warning them to exercise extra caution with the firearms entrusted to them.

Mahathir was commenting on Thursday's incident where a man stole a police patrol car and later used a sub-machine-gun found in it to commit a robbery

"We have told them to be cautious . . . it appears that they were negligent by leaving the gun in the car unattended," he said.

He said that security forces should be more responsible, especially with regards to firearms, and urged the authorities to issue stricter directives regarding the matter.

The government, he said, had been warning people of the danger of hate campaigns which could result in incidents such as the Grik weapons heist.

The Prime Minister was speaking to reporters after attending a Workers' Day gathering at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil here.