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Call to set up independent commission

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Opposition MPs today called on the Government to set up an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the Grik arms heist and hostage-taking incident last week.

In a statement distributed to reporters in Parliament, they said besides members from the Government, the commission should also comprise representatives from non-governmental organisations and the Opposition.

They also criticised Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his remarks yesterday that the people might get hurt if they supported the wrong kind of ideas.

Dr Mahathir said this when asked by reporters about what kind of assurance the Government could give to non-Muslims after the killing of two non-Muslim security officers following the arms robbery.

According to the MPs, the fact that people in Kelantan and Terengganu were living in peace was proof that non-Muslims had not been poorly treated.

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