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Gerakan ready to explain the truth about incident

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Gerakan is well prepared to explain to its members the truth about the killing of a policeman and a soldier by the Al-Ma'unah group, said its secretary-general Chia Kwang Chye.

He said central committee members, who had been briefed on the incident last week, had been directed to go to the people and help dispel any misconception related to the torture and murder of detective sergeant R. Sagadevan and army commando Mathew anak Medan.

To assist them, Chia said the party had prepared "talking points" on what really happened during the arms heist by the group and their subsequent standoff with security forces in Bukit Jenalik in Sauk, Perak.

"The campaign will be intensified following Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive yesterday that component parties explain to the people the truth about the incident."

Dr Mahathir had said that it was important that the people were made aware of the fact that the murders of Sagadevan and Mathew were purely a criminal act and not done in the name of Islam.

Chia said party president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik would also raise the matter at State delegates' conferences that he was scheduled to open in the run-up to the party's general assembly in September.

"From the briefings held so far, members have raised concerns on the attempt by the group to create instability in the country."

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