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Klang blast very cruel, says PM

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PUTRAJAYA, Sat - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the bomb explosion at Dataran Seni in Klang on Thursday would not affect the nation's security.

He said the Government believed such incidents would not spread.

"Our security is good. We do not think this will spread, but these are the types of human beings who do not care for the lives of others. They explode bombs in public places and on others who have not done anything to become victims."

He was talking to reporters about an explosion in which rojak stall worker Masrina Samagon, 42, suffered injuries on the left leg. The bomb went off near a park bench at Dataran Seni around 9.50pm.

"This is very cruel. The Government will act against those responsible through the process of the law and not by other actions. If there are laws that can be applied against them, then that will be the action," Dr Mahathir said after opening Puspanita's 18th annual general meeting.

On the call by Pas president Datuk Fadzil Mohd Noor to the police to release the names of Pas members who were also members of the Al-Ma'unah group, Dr Mahathir said the police would do so when investigations had been completed.

"They have the names but they have to investigate. They need to have complete information before they give an explanation."

Dr Mahathir said DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang's statement that many questions remained unanswered would be replied to when investigations are completed.

Meanwhile, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said today the police had yet to establish a connection between the recent Klang bombing incident and any specific group.

"We are still waiting for the Chemistry Department's report and further information from investigations at the crime scene to determine who is responsible and what kind of explosive was used," he told RTM after being interviewed on the Grik arms robbery at Wisma TV, Angkasapuri, here.

He was asked whether the bombing was linked to the Al-Ma'unah group whose members were arrested in connection with the Grik arms heist. Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar, speaking to reporters after opening an orchid show at the Mid-Valley Megamall, said the explosion at Dataran Seni was an isolated incident and most likely not linked to any deviationist group.

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