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Pas: Grik arms heist unfortunate incident

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Pas president Datuk Fadzil Noor today described the July 2 Grik arms heist as unfortunate and expressed condolences to the families of those killed in the incident.

In a faxed statement, he also called on all Pas members, supporters and well-wishers to remain calm and composed in relation to the incident.

Fadzil said Pas would take legal action against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Umno president and the various mainstream media for allegedly levelling accusations against the party.

He said lessons were not learnt from the hostage standoff in Pulau Sipadan and the theft of Steyr rifles from an army facility in Kamunting, Perak, previously.

Referring to the recent arms heist incident in Grik, Fadzil posed some questions.

"The Al-Ma'unah was said to have stationed themselves in the durian orchard for quite a while. Why was the Special Branch unable to detect their activities?"

Fadzil also called on the Selangor Religious Department and the Islamic Advancement Department (Jakim) to "explain to the nation why they acknowledged the Al-Ma'unah as a legitimate Islamic organisation".

"The Al-Ma'unah's registration with the Registrar of Societies also reflects the acceptance (of the group) as a bona fide Islamic body."

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