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POLICE STUDYING MANPOWER NEEDS TO ENSURE CORRECT DEPLOYMENT

KUCHING, March 17 (Bernama) -- A comprehensive study is being carried out by the Royal Malaysia Police to determine its actual manpower requirements, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Jamil Johari said today.

He said the study, expected to be completed in two months, was necessary to ensure correct number of personnel were sent to meet the needs in states and districts.

"We're facing manpower shortage not only in Sarawak but in the whole country. As such, we need to conduct a study to ensure correct deployment of policemen," said Jamil, who is on a official working visit to Sarawak.

Earlier, he attended a state security briefing at the Sarawak police contingent headquarters here.

Jamil said policemen might be transferred from places requiring less personnel to densely populated and fast-growing areas in efforts to tackle the manpower shortage problem.

Another option to ease the shortage is by reducing uniformed staff working in offices but instead redeploying them for field work, he said.

Asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that certain bank employees were leaking out individual and government financial transactions, Jamil said he had not received sufficient information on the matter.

Dr Mahathir said in Jitra yesterday that some staffers in two banks in Melaka had copied the Melaka government's cheques and displayed them on the Internet as though the government had done something wrong.

He had said such incidents were not restricted to Melaka but also happened in other places, including Kuala Lumpur, where bank workers revealed government documents and transactions made through banks.

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