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POLICE TO PROBE SWISS WATCH MAKER'S RM12 MLN CLAIM - IGP

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said today police will investigate the RM12 million claim by a Swiss watch maker against a non-governmental organisation (NGO) linked to Wanita Umno.

He said investigations would be carried out if a police report had been lodged.

"However, I'm not sure whether anyone had made a police report on the matter," he told reporters, here.

The Berita Harian front-paged a report yesterday that the popular brand watches bearing the picture and signature of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad costs RM40,000 each.

The newspaper, quoting sources, said 300 such watches were ordered without paying any deposit as the NGO used a recommendation letter from a senior Wanita Umno leader said to have obtained Dr Mahathir's consent.

According to the report, Dr Mahathir had refused his name to be used for any form of business.

When the NGO failed to sell the watches, the manufacturer asked to return the watches but part of them were missing.

Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman was reported to have told the newspaper that the case was being investigated.

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