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PUBLIC SAFETY ASSURED, SAYS DEPUTY IGP

KUALA LUMPUR, July 21 (Bernama) -- Police are doing their utmost in ensuring internal security and public order are maintained, said Deputy Inspector General of Police Datuk Mohamad Jamil Johari.

He said police are investigating the recent explosion cases reported.

"To stop such a thing from happening at all may be difficult but we can assure the public that we are doing what is important to ensure internal security is maintained," he told reporters here today.

Mohamad Jamil, who was at the launching of the Kuala Lumpur Crime Prevention Month by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, was asked about three incidents recently in the Klang Valley.

In the latest incident at 9.30pm yesterday, a 41-year-old Indonesian woman was seriously injured following an explosion, believed to be that of a bomb, at Dataran Seni in Klang.

Commenting on last night's incident, Mohamad Jamil said: "Police are still investigating and so far we have nothing to make public".

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a special television interview on Wednesday night, revealed that between three and five members of the Al-Ma'unah deviationist group had used a grenade launcher to fire at a temple and a brewery in their attempt to create chaos.

A gang of Al-Ma'unah members had earlier pulled off a weapons heist from two army camps in Gerik, Perak.

On another matter, Mohamad Jamil said anyone planning to hold a public gathering need to apply for a permit.

He said appropriate action to ensure public order will be taken if an illegal gathering is held.

Parti Keadilan Nasional reportedly planned to hold a demonstration on the day court judgment is delivered on the sodomy trial of former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on August 4.

On PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor's request for a list of the Al-Ma'unah members to enable the party to determine if they are PAS members or otherwise, Mohamad Jamil said police will study the request.

"Up till now, nothing has been forwarded officially to us ... we will look into it if it reaches us," he said.

Dr Mahathir yesterday said a majority of the 1,800 members of the Al-Ma'unah group were also PAS members.

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