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Two grenades launched into Carlsberg premises

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Two grenades were launched into the premises of Carlsberg Brewery (M) Bhd's beer production plant in Shah Alam on July 3.

No one was injured in the incident which occurred about 4am.

The brewery's managing director, Datuk Jorgen Bornhoft, today confirmed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement last night that the brewery was attacked after the arms heists in Grik, Perak, a day earlier.

"It happened about 4am ... luckily, no one was injured and almost no damage caused.

"The marks on the ground caused by the explosion are barely visible and it did not disrupt production," he said when contacted by the New Straits Times.

Bornhoft said he did not know how the grenades were launched into the plant, adding that a police report was lodged the same day.

Asked if he knew the identities of the attackers or their motives, Bornhoft said he did not, but had faith in police investigations into the incident.

Meanwhile, a check with the Sri Subramaniam Swami temple in Batu Caves confirmed that explosions were heard at night, not long after the arms heists but temple officials remained tight-lipped.

The temple was said to have been the other place where the grenades were launched.

Traders operating near the temple premises said they heard from friends that there were explosions near the temple grounds but did not know if they were gun shots or grenades exploding.

When the NST visited the temple this morning, there were signs that the wall of a public toilet near the temple was recently cemented, but it was not known what had caused the damage.

Yesterday, in an interview aired over radio and television, Dr Mahathir had said that members of the Al-Ma'unah group, one armed with an M-16 assault rifle equipped with a grenade launcher, attacked a Carlsberg brewery and a temple.

The attackers have been detained and the weapons recovered, he said.

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