

Suhakam report baseless, says IGP

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed: Police said the report of the Malaysian Human Rights Commission (Suhakam) on the Jalan Kebun incident, released on Aug 20, is biased and baseless.

Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said today police are not looking at the report seriously as they believe it has no foundation.

"I actually didn't pay much attention to the report because it is biased and unrealistic, that's all," he said.

Norian was commenting on Suhakam's report, which said police acted heavy-handedly when dispersing an illegal gathering on Jalan Kebun in Shah Alam on Nov 5 last year.

The report blamed "some existing practices and policies of the police and other authorities as contributory factors to the human rights

violations".

Suhakam commissioner Tan Sri Anuar Zainal said on Aug 20 that the commission has the *locus standi*, by virtue of section 12 of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia Act 1999, to conduct its own investigation into alleged human rights violations.

Two days later, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Suhakam was influenced by western values.

Earlier today, Norian presented a cheque for US\$50,000 (RM190,000) from the United Nations to the widow of the late Sgt I? Kanagarethinam, who fell into the Ocousei Sea in East Timor while on patrol as part of a United Nations mission on June 6 last year.

Norian also presented a RM1,000 cheque each to L/Cpl Baharuddin Abdullah and L/Cpl Rusly Johan.

Their quick response led to the arrest of three suspects for the murder of a fisherman in Permatang Pasir, Bukit Jugra, near Banting yesterday