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HOME MINISTRY HAULS UP THE SUN'S EDITOR OVER KILL-PM PLOT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 26 (Bernama) -- The Home Ministry said it has summoned the management of The Sun newspaper over the daily's report yesterday of a plot to assassinate the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Its Secretary-General Datuk Seri Aseh Che Mat, when contacted today, confirmed that The Sun's chief news editor Robert Ho met with officers from ministry's publication division in Putrajaya.

"We summon him for further clarification.

"As for the details and other matters let Datuk Seri Abdullah (who is also the Home Minister) issue a statement," Aseh said declining to elaborate.

Quoting unnamed sources, the tabloid in a front-page report said the police had uncovered a plot by several local politicians to assassinate Dr Mahathir and Abdullah using a hired killer.

Speaking to reporters in Putrajaya after taping his new year message for Radio Television Malaysia today, Dr Mahathir said he was saddened by such sensationalised reporting which could also have repercussions on the economy.

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