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No need for report by Raja Commando on alleged plot

SHAH ALAM, Sat. - There is no need for Raja Kamaruddin Raja Abdul Wahid, also known as Raja Commando to make a report on the case of the alleged plot to kill the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister as the police have begun their investigation into the matter.

His legal advisor Saiful Izham said such a report would not "add any value" to the case at the moment.

"My client, however, will give his full co-operation to the police and prefers them to meet him at his house or call him at the numbers he has given," he said today.

Raja Kamaruddin said he was disappointed with the statement by Federal Criminal Investigation Department deputy director Datuk Musa Hassan, which had depicted him as a stubborn person who refused to co-operate with the police.

Raja Kamaruddin said such an assumption could only be made if he had locked his house gate to prevent the police from entering or had slammed the telephone receiver when the authorities called him.

"My refusal to meet the police on their turf does not mean I am against police order. In this case, why should I go to the police when The Sun (newspaper) made trouble?"

Raja Kamaruddin was also disappointed with The Sun's "insensitivity" for not apologising to him after giving the impression that he was responsible in the alleged plot to assassinate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Raja Kamaruddin was a commando between 1971 and 1983.

The report, he said, caused embarrassment to him, his family, the Selangor royalty, other ex-commandos and Parti Keadilan Nasional, of which he is the Shah Alam division deputy chief.

Saiful said his client was considering filing a civil suit against The Sun for "defamatory, libellous and slanderous charges".

"We will send letter of demand which will include requesting for retraction and apology," he said.

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