

# Bunyamin turns himself in for questioning

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KOTA BARU: Former Bachok MP Bunyamin Yaakob turned up at the state police headquarters here yesterday after weeks of speculation that he had become a fugitive following his alleged remarks about Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the issue of pornographic videos.

He arrived about 10.30am, accompanied by state legal adviser Takiyuddin Hassan, and left at about 3pm after a one-to-one session with Kota Baru CID chief Dept Supt Haniffa Abdul Kader.

Police had been looking for the 56-year-old PAS public speaker over an alleged slander against the Prime Minister during a *ceramah* at Pusat Tarbiyah Islamiah Kelantan (Putik) in Pengkalan Chepa on March 15.

He was missing after three police reports were lodged against him in Pasir Mas (Kelantan), Kuala

Terengganu (Terengganu) and Baling (Kedah) for accusing Dr Mahathir of watching a pornographic video with his grandson.

Last week, Kelantan police had used the mass media to urge Bunyamin, whom they could not contact for some reasons, to turn himself in to assist in investigations.

Kelantan CID chief ACP Abdul Rahim Jani said with Bunyamin's co-operation, police had almost wrapped up their investigations into the matter.

He said they would wait for further instructions from the deputy public prosecutor.

At least 20 people, including Bunyamin, have been questioned in connection with the case.

As to the politician's contention that he had always been in Kelantan, Abdul Rahim said the matter was not relevant now.

"What matters is that he turned up when we asked him to," said ACP Abdul Rahim.