

Police complete probe into Nik Aziz's 'samseng' remark

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RANTAU PANJANG, Tues. — Police have completed their investigation into Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's alleged remarks likening God to *samseng* (thugs).

State deputy police chief Senior Assistant Commissioner Abdul Aziz Nawawi today said the report would be forwarded to the Attorney-General's Chambers to determine if there were grounds for a charge.

Speaking after launching the joint border patrol between Kelantan and Narathiwat police at General Operations Force's tactical base in Lubok Setol, he said 20 people had been interviewed.

Police also interviewed Nik Aziz, the Pas spiritual leader, for about two hours on Sept 16.

Former Supreme Court judge Tan

Sri Harun Hashim was reported to have said Nik Aziz could be prosecuted under section 298 of the Penal Code for insulting Allah.

He said legal action could only be taken if a police report was lodged, and that the prosecution must also take into account the whole context of his speech.

Following this, two police reports were lodged. The first was filed in Baling, Kedah on Aug 29 and the second here on Sept 3.

Abdul Aziz said police had started their probe into a report lodged by a businessman in Bachok on Sunday claiming that Nik Aziz had accused Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of not knowing how to recite the Quran.

The case is being investigated under section 500 of the Penal Code.