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AG HAS NOT RECEIVED POLICE REPORT ON MAT SABU'S SPEECH

SEREMBAN, July 9 (Bernama) -- Attorney-General Datuk Abdul Gani Patail said today he has yet to receive a report from the police on the speech of Kuala Kedah PAS member of Parliament Mohamad Sabu, which was said to have insulted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said as the matter had just occurred, police should be given time to investigate it and he expressed confidence that police would discharge their duties to the best of their abilities.

"If an offence has been committed we will take action. It all depends on sufficient evidence. We will have to look at it from various angles. We will try to push this matter as quickly as possible," he told reporters after attending the State Pardons Board meeting at Istana Hinggap here.

He was asked to comment on the statement by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim on Saturday that Mohamad Sabu should be ready for whatever action that would be taken following his speech which was said to have insulted the Prime Minister.

Earlier Abdul Gani called on Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad at his office at Wisma Negeri here.

Asked whether a police report would have to be made against Mohamad Sabu before police began their investigations, the Attorney-General said in certain cases a police report was not necessary like in the case of a murder, police would not wait for a police report being lodged before starting their probe.

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