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Filipino girl to be quizzed over rape allegation

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - A team from the Federal police in Bukit Aman will leave for the Philippines on Wednesday to interview the 13-year-old girl allegedly raped in a detention centre in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Federal CID deputy director Datuk Musa Hassan said the three-man team led by CID assistant director for special investigations Assistant Commissioner Takbir Ahmad would record statements from the girl.

The team was formed on Sept 6 following a directive by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for a swift and thorough probe into the allegation.

On Monday, police received an official request from the Philippine Government through their embassy here to allow the Malaysian police to interview the girl in the Philippines.

Musa said the team would be taking along pictures of detention centre staff for her to identify.

"Police have also taken a picture of a security guard at a school in Sabah where the girl had also said she was raped before being detained and sent to the detention centre," he said when contacted today.

So far, police had taken statements from several people.