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POLICE RECORDED STATEMENTS FROM OVER 20 WITNESSES, SAYS IGP

ALOR GAJAH, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The police recorded statements from over 20 people during the course of their investigations into an allegation by former Member of Parliament for Bachok Bunyamin Yaakob against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Norian Mai today.

He said these people were present at the ceramah at Pusat Tarbiyah Islamiah Kelantan (Putik), Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan on March 15 when Bunyamin was alleged to have said that Dr Mahathir had watched pornography video with his grandson.

"We have completed the investigations into the case. We will seek the views of the Attorney-General on matters relating to prosecution," he told reporters after opening the Alor Gajah Police District Headquarters here.

He said the police however would call two or three more witnesses to record their statements.

On Aug 20, Bunyamin turned up at the Kelantan Police Contingent Headquarters to give his statement on the allegation.

On report of attempt to revive the banned Al-Arqam movement, he said the police were aware of the matter and would pass on intelligence gathered to the religious authorities including the Malaysian Islamic Development Department (JAKIM) for appropriate action.

Norian said the police would act if the activities of former member of the deviationist sect posed a threat to national security.

"But it has not reached that stage. We know that they are using business activities as a front and trying to gather former members," he said.

He said a company set up by former Al-Arqam members was found to be active not only in many places and not just in Rawang, Selangor.

On another matter, he said all police lock-ups would be equipped with closed circuit TV (CCTV) cameras in a move to prevent break-out of detainees.

"At present, new police stations are installed with CCTV as well as those located in areas with high crime rates," he said.

Norian said the police had been allocated RM30 million to improve conditions in all police stations nationwide, providing more comfort to both police personnel and members of the public.

The RM22 million Alor Gajah Police District Headquarters is situated on a 8.8 land. It is also equipped with a multi-purpose hall, surau and 194 units of staff quarters.

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