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Deputy IGP: We'll start probe only if a report is lodged

KOTA BARU, Tues. - Investigations into claims that Puteri Umno pro-tem chief Azalina Othman Said is allegedly involved in lesbianism will only start once a police report is lodged.

"We will not investigate any allegation unless a report is lodged," Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Jamil Johari said.

He said to the best of his knowledge no police report (containing such allegations) had been lodged.

Jamil said this when asked if a probe would start into allegations following a newspaper report which quoted Wanita Umno member Ummi Hafilda Ali as saying she would lodge such a report.

"That is a newspaper report. If an official report is filed (with the police), we have to do it.

"Without an official report, we don't do it," Jamil said.

He was speaking to reporters after officiating at the annual meeting of senior police officers and inspectors.

Also present was Kelantan police chief Datuk Mohd Najib Abdul Aziz.

Yesterday Ummi Hafilda pleaded guilty before the Umno disciplinary board for contravening Article 4.1 of the party regulations for breaching the party's code of ethics and making statements which were slanderous and mischievous in nature against Azalina.

Ummi Hafilda, who failed to qualify to contest the Puteri Umno chief post, said she would try to meet Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon to provide evidence on her allegations.