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PHILIPPINES TO RETURN THE YOUNG RAPE VICTIM AFTER RAMADAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- The Philippines government would return the 13-year-old girl, who alleged she was raped by local security forces to Malaysia after Hari Raya Aidilfitri, said Bukit Aman Federal Police CID Assistant Director ACP Takbir Ahmad Nazir.

He added the Malaysian girl's return was conveyed by officers from the Philippines High Commission during a meeting with Bukit Aman police officers here today.

"They (the Philippines officers) are now checking all the girl's identity documents and there is a possibility she would be returned after this Ramadan month," Takbir told reporters at Bukit Aman.

When asked whether the Philippines officers are still dissatisfied with the girl's nationality, Takbir said they were satisfied after documents proving she is a Malaysian citizen were disclosed to them.

The girl alleged she was raped by Malaysian security forces while she was held at the Sabah detention centre, following a large-scale operation by the government to deport illegal migrants from the republic.

The girl who was initially believed to be a Filipino, attracted President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's attention, who asked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to investigate the matter.

Dr Mahathir then directed the police to conduct an investigation and Bukit Aman responded by forming a special team headed by Takbir to investigate the allegations.

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