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Police-Bunyamin

POLICE TO RECORD STATEMENTS OVER REPORTS AGAINST BUNYAMIN

KOTA BAHARU, July 31 (Bernama) -- Police will record statements from several individuals who lodged reports against former PAS member of parliament Bunyamin Yaakob for allegedly making slanderous remarks against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Kelantan police chief SAC 1 Datuk Mohd Najib Abdul Aziz said the complainants would be asked to give their statement today or tomorrow, after which Bunyamin, the former MP for Bachok, would be summoned to the station for the same purpose.

"Police have received a number of official complaints in several states. Although the reports were made separately, police are treating them as one case which will be investigated thoroughly," he told reporters here.

Mohd Najib was asked to comment on the reports lodged by the individuals after Bunyamin's remarks -- that Dr Mahathir had watched a pornographic video with his grandchildren -- were aired by RTM.

Yesterday, the state police chief said two reports had been lodged in Kelantan and one in Kedah.

One of the two reports in Kelantan was by Kamarul Bahrin Awang, a resident of Kampung Teliar, Bunut Susu, Pasir Mas.

Terengganu Umno Youth Action Committee chairman Tengku Zainuddin Tengku Zahid was also reported to have lodged a report against Bunyamin in Kuala Terengganu yesterday.

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