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PROBE ON TUSSLE TO READ OUT FRIDAY PRAYERS' SERMON

MARANG, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- The police will investigate the incident where a tussle to read out the sermon happened when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad performed the Friday prayers at the Haji Mat Shafie Mosque in Kampung Losong here last Friday.

Terengganu Police Chief SAC I Othman Talib said the police will investigate the case under Section 296 of the Penal Code.

Investigations would be based on two police reports lodged last Friday by Terengganu Deputy CID Chief Supt Mohamad Noor A. Mohamad and a civilian, he told reporters after briefing them on the "Ex-Rampas" exercise here last night.

Othman was asked on the incident where a senior Terengganu PAS leader who is also a state government official had tried to read out the prayers' sermon instead of allowing the mosque's khatib to do so.

The man was believed to have insisted that he take over duties of both of the mosque's officially-appointed imam and khatib during the Friday prayers at the mosque last Aug 16.

However the matter was resolved after the mosque's khatib went on to read out the sermon and the PAS leader became imam for the prayers.

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