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NO LET-UP IN SECURITY FOR SUMMIT, SAY POLICE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- Police are taking all the necessary measures to prevent any security hitch during the ongoing 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here, Home Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Seri Aseh Che Mat said today.

He said police had taken into consideration the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Foreign Ministry as well as current developments when making their preparation.

"We will ensure that this conference proceeds smoothly without any disruption. Our country's success in organising such a major conference in the current world situation will be a source of pride," he told reporters here.

Earlier, Aseh attended a briefing given by Internal Security and Public Order Director Datuk Mohd Sedek Mohd Ali at the Police Command Centre for the Summit.

Aseh said he was satisfied with the police preparation as well as cooperation from members of the public and those on duty at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), the summit venue.

Some 8,000 police personnel are involved in the Summit, which started today with a two-day senior officials' meeting.

Foreign ministers of the grouping of 114 developing nations will meet on Saturday while the leaders' meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday.

Asked what the biggest challenge was in providing security for the Summit, he said it was the sheer magnitude of the event.

"We have handled the security of various international conferences in the past but this is the biggest...that is why we want to ensure all aspects are taken care of in our preparation," he said.

Aseh later inspected the venue and facilities for the Summit.

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