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NOH DESCRIBES COMMISSION'S REPORT AS BALANCED

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- Deputy Internal Security Minister Datuk Noh Omar has described as balanced the preliminary report released on Aug 9 by a special commission to enhance the operations and management of the police as it does not highlight just the shortcomings of the force.

"I respect their views. But if we look at the report, it is a balanced one. It's just that certain issues are highlighted by the media," he told reporters after visiting Cpl Amran Abdul Aziz who was injured in a robbery in Seri Petaling last Friday at the Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (HUKM) in Cheras here today.

He was asked to comment on the statement by Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Sedek Mohd Ali, who felt that highlighting allegations of corruption in the force would project a wrong image of the force to the public.

Noh said it was a balanced report because it was based on public complaints and feedback.

"Perhaps those who came to complain were 100 or so but they are isolated cases. I believe, the contributions of the police are greater than the number of complaints received," he said.

However, he said the police would not treat the report lightly and would take immediate action to rectify the shortcomings.

He said the commission's report also highlighted the welfare and logistic aspects of the force requiring serious attention by the government to enhance efficiency of the law enforcement agency.

Noh said members of the public should not just see the shortcomings but also the contribution of the force in national security.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali also visited Amran.

They spent about 20 minutes at the hospital.

Dr Roszalina Abd Rahman, who briefed Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah on Amran's condition, told reporter that a surgery was be carried out on Amran yesterday to remove the bullet and repair the damaged tissues in his mouth.

"He is in stable condition and can speak and drink. He could be back to normal in four to six months," she said.

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