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It's a crazy plan, says PM (HL)

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - As more than 200 people came forward nationwide to help police investigate the so-called Federal Special Forces of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad described its leader's intention to eventually lead the nation as "a crazy plan".

The Prime Minister said he thought it was crazy for someone to think that he could topple the Government and become the Prime Minister by setting up his own special forces.

"Well, there are crazy people in the country who are inspired by all kinds of nonsense," he said after launching a rural empowerment programme at Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil today.

He was commenting on FSFM (or Pasukan Khas Persekutuan Malaysia) leader Nor Azami Ahmad Ghazali's claim that he was destined to become Prime Minister.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said FSFM was investigated for its criminal activities and threat to national security.

"Investigations are under way and will be comprehensive," Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, said at the same function. "Police will be submitting their report to me."

He said investigations so far showed there was no link between FSFM and other militant groups like Kumpulan Militan Malaysia.

Advising the 8,000 members to leave the movement, Abdullah said Nor Azami's ambitions (of being the next prime minister) could be construed as a threat to national security.

Police learnt of Nor Azami's intention when they seized a framed display which showed Nor Azami's name being placed sixth in a list of names of prime ministers if the initials of the name, Rahman (the name of the first prime minister), were followed.

"Police will track down all the members of the movement to ensure their investigations are comprehensive," Abdullah said.

In Kuantan, Jason Gerald quoted Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as expressing shock over the manner in which some people were cheated into buying various "ranks and uniforms" for as much as RM25,000.

"It does not make any sense as money cannot buy ranks. Ranks have to be earned.

"In the case of FSFM, I am curious about how so many people could be cheated," he said after opening the Sri Ketapang community hall at Kampung Ketapang Hilir, Pekan.

He said although the FSFM uniforms did resemble those issued for the armed forces, a closer look showed otherwise.

The colours of the jacket and trousers of the FSFM differ, while the uniforms for the armed forces are single coloured.

"We do not produce the uniforms but they can be reproduced by tailors."

He said the ministry was willing to help police investigate FSFM. "We will provide names of our personnel, including those who have retired or no longer in the service, and also their service records if required."