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Police confirm no Cabinet ministers linked to FSFM

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PENANG, Wed. - Police said today that no Cabinet minister was involved in the illegal Federal Special Forces of Malaysia (FSFM) movement.

Federal Criminal Investigations Department director Datuk Seri Salleh Mat Som said this was arrived at after investigations, which included interviewing Malaysian Emergency Action Force (PTCM) chief Munsyi Muslim Yacob yesterday.

"From our investigations and the statement given by Munsyi, we can confirm no ministers were involved in FSFM," he said after attending a meeting with officers from Penang police contingent criminal investigation department here.

Salleh was commenting on a Bernama report today which quoted Munsyi as saying that he had no documents to prove the involvement of Cabinet ministers in FSFM.

Munsyi had claimed he had never said that certain ministers were involved in the illegal movement and that his earlier statements had been misinterpreted by the media.

On Munsyi's insistence in the past that he had documents to prove some ministers were involved with FSFM, Salleh said:

"I know nothing about that. We also have to determine whether the Press report was written prior to the interview with Munsyi.

"And I have to find out if whatever Munsyi was reported as having said were taken from video tape interviews or if somebody had written the story without interviewing him."

When asked if he would seek assistance from pressmen who covered the interview, Salleh said he had instructed the commercial crime branch to ascertain the validity of Munsyi's statement.

"We are investigators and we have to be fair to all parties and cannot simply accuse anyone. We will continue to investigate the matter."

On whether the allegation by Munsyi could be considered as slander, Salleh said it was difficult to ascertain it at the moment.

"How can we say for sure? If he had admitted to saying all those things, then it is slander. However, he now claims he never said such things. Therefore, we still have to check the allegation."

On Saturday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told Munsyi to substantiate his claim that some ministers were involved in FSFM, failing which legal action would be taken against him.