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Exercise greater caution, banks told

LANGKAWI, Wed. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today advised all banks to exercise greater caution when dealing with government cheques to ensure these were bonafide.

Expressing concern over the recent spate of scams involving illegal bank withdrawals in Penang and Malacca, he said:

"Since police reports have been lodged by both State authorities, the investigations will be expedited, after which I hope we can nab the culprits."

Abdullah was speaking after attending a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.