

Sarawak MP upset by coverage on thugs issue
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Tiong King Sing (BN-Bintulu) today lashed out at the government and media for their response to his allegation that gangsters were running loose in Sarawak.

In Parliament last Thursday, Tiong had called on Sarawak police chief Talib Jamal to resign for 'failing' to stem underworld activities.

On Saturday, newspapers reported that police would look into the matter after Tiong had challenged federal CID director Christopher Wan Soo Kee to come to the state and go undercover.

"The problem with the government is that Bukit Aman (federal police headquarters) is not serious. They should send people who are serious (in fighting crime)," he told the Dewan Rakyat today.

"Instead, the news is splashed across newspapers. It should have been done quietly. You have given the opportunity for the gangsters to (lay low)," he said.

Good cops

However, the MP stressed that not all cops were bad.

"I know there are good cops. The police chief of Sibul (ACP Nicholas Sebastian) for example is a good cop. But it seems that the men under them are not serious to clean up crime," he said.

Tiong said he has yet to see "a full investigation" carried out on the secret societies in Sarawak.

"When I paid a visit to the (inspector-general of police) Musa's [Hassan] office, I saw big piles of files. It surrounded him and the cabinets ... It was all under investigation!" he said.

Previously, the MP revealed that citizens in Sibul are feeling unsafe. According to him, the gangsters are also involved in illegal logging.

Essential items such as rice and sugar were said to be controlled by gangsters, he added.

He claimed that the "Hua Kee" gang had a membership of more than 1,000 and the situation was worsening.