

## **'Police do probe insult cases, attacks on Pakatan leaders'**

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Police have investigated the 10 cases of attacks on Pakatan Rakyat leaders as well as the various forms of disrespectful acts carried out upon their photographs since 2009, says Bukit Aman CID director Mohd Bakri Zinin.

According to Bakri, police have never been biased against the political colour of any leader in their investigations.

He labelled such accusations that are being hurled at the police force as baseless.

"Police are always professional and always investigate all cases that have been reported without prejudice and without taking into account the background of any party," he said.

Bakri added that investigations into some of the cases even began as soon as the police report was received.

"For example, the burning of the Penang chief minister's photograph on Nov 30, 2009, was immediately investigated on the same day the incident was reported," he added.

Malaysiakini on Sept 7 highlighted various instances of disrespectful acts that had been carried out against public figures in the past.

Among the 10 cases police have investigated, three involved the burning of an effigy and picture of Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, an attack on a PKR supporter at Sembrong in Johor and a shoe being thrown into the Al-Hussain mosque in Kedah.

While another five cases - two involve Pakatan leaders' pictures being stepped and urinated on, two attacks on PKR bus and one case involving threat and provocation at a PKR ceramah in Pantai Dalam in Kuala Lumpur, last May.

Meanwhile, a photograph depicting three people urinating on a banner featuring PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang and spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has been uploaded online on the police Facebook page today.

Anti-trafficking laws adequate

us state dept trafficking in person human trafficking 2009 report 170609On another matter, although the Internal Security Act (ISA) has been abolished, Bakri said police are confident that existing laws are adequate in curbing human trafficking.

In addition, he also urged the public to continue to provide information to assist the police in its job of fighting this crime.

"We already have anti-trafficking in persons laws.

"The existing laws are solid and strong, but the public must assist in helping us carry out our duty and responsibility," Bakri said.

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