

auxiliary police for developers, but not Pakatan?

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Damansara Utama assemblyperson Yeo Bee Yin has questioned the police's move to approve auxiliary police forces for developers, claiming preferential treatment against Pakatan Rakyat administered states.

tony pua yeo bee yin crime police 160613Yesterday, The Star reported that developer SP Setia received its first batch of 120 auxiliary police personnel, which would be placed in its housing projects in Johor, Penang and the Klang Valley.

"If SP Setia, Sunway and all these developers are able to hire auxiliary police, why not the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ)?" said Yeo (right) demanding the government to immediately approve the application.

She said this at a press conference today with a group of Petaling Jaya restaurant owners, who were expressing concerns over robberies targeting them.

She said that MBPJ had applied to the inspector-general of police to field its own auxiliary police force in 2009 but was turned down in the following year.

MBPJ applied again in 2012 and has yet to receive a response. The Subang Jaya City Council faces a similar predicament.

Coffee shops in fear

Meanwhile, she said, Johor Baru Municipal Council (MBJB) and Melaka Municipal Council (MBM) already have their auxiliary police force.

"If MBJB and MBM, which are under BN states, can get their auxiliary police, why not MBPJ under Pakatan Rakyat? Are they prioritising their politics over the security of the people here?" she said.

Meanwhile, Petaling Jaya MP Tony Pua said there is a higher police-population ratio in rural areas than in urban areas, whereas the reverse should be implemented because urban areas are inherently more prone to crime.

tony pua yeo bee yin crime police 160613He also pointed out that the 2005 royal commission of inquiry had recommended that 22,000 police officers should be reallocated from other tasks to crime-fighting duties, but this was never done.

"The police actually has enough people as a whole, but the problem is that they are not allocating them to the right positions," he said.

Also at a press conference, Petaling Jaya Coffee Shop Association vice-president Danny Lim (left) demanded the government to come up with a solution to crime.

He said the police had stepped up patrols for two weeks about two months ago in Taman Megah, where the press conference was held, and the crime incidents had come to a halt until recently where three armed robbers raided a restaurant as it was closing.

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