

Spend time solving crime, DAP leader urges cops

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The DAP wants the inspector-general of police to focus on solving crime, such as the bombing case in Kuala Lumpur, instead of “wasting time on political work”.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng expressed concern over the recent bombing at a nightclub in Bukit Bintang, and said the criminal’s ability to acquire grenades should be a big cause for worry.

In the dawn incident at Sun Complex, two grenades were flung towards the nightclub, injuring 14.

One of them, car jockey Tiong Kwong Yie, 36, succumbed to his injuries yesterday, in an incident believed to be a “turf war” between secret societies.

“How can criminals these days have grenades? This is the question that is lingering in everyone’s mind,” said Lim (right), who is also Penang chief minister.

“If today they have grenades, what about tomorrow? How can they obtain such heavy weaponry?”

“We hope the police can focus more on these incidents, instead of probing opposition leaders for sedition,” he told a press conference today.

Deliver security to the rakyat

Lim urged the police to discharge their duties and deliver “what the rakyat want to see”.

“Opposition leaders do not cause injury to people, unlike these criminals who can hurl grenades at others,” he added.

Lim was referring to the sedition dragnet launched by the police after Merdeka Day.

Since then, several have been detained and many charged under the Sedition Act, including opposition leaders, academicians, activists, students, a preacher and a journalist.

Lim said in the past, bomb explosions usually occurred in Sabah, when terrorists invade or try to kidnap tourists.

“But now, such incidents are also taking place in the capital. It should be viewed seriously.

“More importantly, the police should focus on ensuring higher security for all,” he said.

He urged the police to do their job of solving crime and not to become a political tool, expressing hope that such incidents would not recur.

Handing out assistance

At the same press conference, Lim handed over a cheque for RM1,000 to the brother of Rapid Penang bus driver Aisyamudin Yaacoob, who was stabbed in Paya Terubong on Oct 6 by a woman, believed to be mentally challenged, for allegedly missing a stop.

Aisyamuddin, 27, was hospitalised and suffered injuries in his right leg.

According to his brother Mohd Noor Ayub, Aisyamuddin is recovering from his ordeal after being warded in the Intensive Care Unit at the Penang Hospital.

The woman who stabbed Aisyamuddin is under police remand.

She was detained while alighting from another bus, and a knife – believed to be the weapon used – was also seized.