

## **'No evidence man cheated by Low Yat trader'**

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Police today reiterated that there is currently no evidence suggesting that a man arrested for theft at Low Yat Plaza had been cheated by trader.

"So far our investigation does not show that (he was cheated). But if it arises we will investigate.

"The facts that we have show it is a theft case," Kuala Lumpur police chief Tajudin Md Isa told a press conference at the city police headquarter.

He also denied that the man had lodged a police report about being cheated.

"Our checks did not reveal this, neither did he file a counter report (that he was cheated)," Tajudin said.

The narrative widely being shared on social media now, is that the man had been sold a counterfeit phone at an Oppo store.

The man was then said to have lodged a police report, before returning to the shop to get a refund.

That was when the commotion began, which led to the man's arrest.

Tajuddin however said what had happened was that the suspect had reportedly stolen a phone from a different shop in the plaza, and had tripped while running away.

He was then detained and surrendered to the police along with another man.

The KL top cop said after his release, the second suspect then returned to Low Yat with six others, and started a brawl.

Tajudin denied there were any racial connotations to the case.

"This issue is being played up in social media as a racial issue, Malays being attacked by the Chinese.

"But if you study the investigation, it's just a phone theft case," he said.

Tajudin warned the public against believing what they read in social media, and to verify facts before spreading them.

He also warned that those who spread false rumours regarding this case may be

investigated in the future.

"We don't reject the possibility of investigating them, but our focus now is to ensure safety in Bukit Bintang," he said.

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