

Penang crime index drops during 'Ops Bayan'
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The crime index in crime hotspots in Penang recorded a drop for the first 44 days of 'Ops Bayan'.

Deputy inspector-general of police Ismail Omar said in that period, a 10 percent decrease was seen in the districts of Timur Laut and Seberang Perai Tengah.

He said from March 31 to May 14, the crime index reported 1,561 cases but the figure had gone down to 1,405 cases after the operation was launched from May 15 to June 28.

"Ops Bayan has shown positive signs after it reduced crime in areas with high crime rates," he told reporters in a meeting with the Royal Malaysia Police in Penang today.

Ismail said the three-month operation, with cooperation from the Civil Defence Department and People's Volunteer Corps (Rela), aimed to lower crime rates, reduce public fear towards criminals and to change the people's perception of the police.

"We want to improve the image of the police by giving the best service to the people and putting performance as a priority," he said.

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