

Report delivered to King, PM
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PETALING JAYA, Mon - The Independent Inquiry Commission into the nude squat incident handed over its report to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today.

Its chairman, Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah, said he was happy the task had been completed. He declined to say much to the Press.

"Our function today was just to submit the report to the King. It is up to the Prime Minister when to make it public."

When prodded, Dzaiddin said he could talk about the ethnicity of the woman in the nude squat.

"It has been established that she is a Malay."

He said the secretary of the commission, Internal Security Ministry deputy secretary-general Datuk Hamzah Md Rus, would brief the Cabinet on Wednesday.

"We are very pleased that our mission is accomplished. During the handing-over of the report, I briefed the King on the terms of reference and our findings," he said, after submitting the report to the King.

"I am relieved. My New Year resolutions are — no more public inquiries and police commissions!" Dzaiddin said.

The commission is officially known as "The Commission to Inquire into the Standard Operating Procedures, Rules and Regulations in Relation to the Conduct of Body Search in Respect of an Arrest and Detention by the Police".

The five-member commission arrived at the TUDM Subang airport about 7.30am to hand over the report to Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin before the King left for Kuwait to attend the funeral of its emir, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmed al Sabah. The report, which is in English, is 345 pages long.

The King, accompanied by Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Shafie Apdal, who is part of the King's entourage to Kuwait, arrived about 8.30am.

The commission met with him for about 45 minutes and submitted the report.

At 9.15am, the King and his entourage departed for Kuwait.

Asked whether the King had taken the report onto the plane with him, Dzaiddin said: "Yes, he had."

Hamzah said only 70 copies of the report had been printed, and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsuddin Osman, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Mohd Bakri Omar and Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail would each receive a copy.

"The IGP will get the report this evening," he said.

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