

PAS' Salahudin irked by 'interference' remark

MPs were united in praising the police force, which celebrated its 200th anniversary on Sunday, but one parliamentarian was irked by a remark that the force was prevented from carrying out its task when politicians interfere.

Salahudin Ayub (PAS - Kubang Kerian) stressed that politicians should not interfere "no matter what" because the police needed to be independent in carrying out their duties.

He quoted Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan as saying that there were times the police were frustrated because they "sometimes had to keep one eye open and one eye closed".

"There is no point having anti-corruption slogans and the National Integrity Plan without drastic action.

"The current leadership must ensure public confidence is restored," he said when supporting the motion of thanks on the Royal Address.

However, Datuk Mohd Said Yusof (BN - Jasin) said politicians got involved only when their constituents asked them to.

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Barisan. I'm sure the opposition does the same," said Mohd Said.

He said Malaysians should be grateful to the police as although a lot of accusations had been hurled against the force, it was still among the best in the region and managed to solve 36% of cases compared to the international average of 20%.

Datuk Mohd Alwi Che Ahmad (BN - Kateroh) said the country was enjoying peace and stability, thanks to the force.

