

Cabinet beefs up police force in JB

KUALA LUMPUR: The cabinet has approved three immediate measures to slash the crime rate in Johor Baru — lease shoplots to establish three new district police headquarters, deploy 400 more policemen and send 200 more patrol cars.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, in announcing the measures, said the cabinet agreed that the new district police headquarters in Johor Baru Timur, Nusa Jaya and Kulai, which would cost RM6 million, should be set up immediately without having to wait for permanent buildings to be constructed.

He said the deployment of more policemen should be made as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, Johor CPO Datuk Hussin Ismail told Johor MCA liaison committee chairman Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek that 400 additional policemen would be deployed to several strategic areas in Johor Baru soon to check crime and social ills.

On the additional patrol cars, Najib said they should also have efficient and trained drivers so that the vehicles could be used to patrol more efficiently.

He wanted the police and the Ministry of Internal Security to take immediate measures to fight crime in Johor Baru. He said these immediate measures would be able to instil confidence in the local community on the ability of the police to check the rising crime rate.

Meanwhile, Federal CID director Datuk Christopher Wan said Johor recorded a 6% dip in its crime index between January and March. During the period, 5,789 cases were recorded. — Bernama

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