

# CSI

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INVESTIGATION UNIT

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** All states are to have their own crime scene investigation (CSI) unit to conduct quality investigations, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan said yesterday.

With the establishment of the unit, investigating officers would have to first cordon off the crime scene and allow the CSI unit to do its job.

"We've found vital evidence has been destroyed or not taken into account at the crime scene and this eventually hampers investigations.

"It also makes it difficult for us to charge perpetrators of a crime as the evidence is not there," he told Bernama.

At present, an investigating officer first visits the crime scene, including in a murder case, before he starts to investigate the motive of the crime.

Musa said the setting up of the unit is now at discussion stage and a paper would be submitted to the Public Services Department soon.

"The unit will place emphasis on forensic methods of investigation. Training for officers of the unit will be conducted at the Royal Malaysia Police College in Cheras," he said.

He said the training would be conducted by selected professional officers.

A database would be created to enable CSI officers at Bukit Aman to exchange information with their colleagues from states, he said.

On another note, Musa said efforts are under way to improve public relations among police officers as studies showed that the public were afraid to talk to policemen.

"The people have a negative perception of the police force. They think policemen are unfriendly. We will organise public relations courses for all policemen at all departments to hone their communication skills.

"This is to boost our image as well as make the people comfortable with the police," he said.

Musa also said the force needed more professionals to be posted in important departments to improve police image. He said these professionals would join the force under the soon-to-be-launched exercise to recruit 60,000 personnel soon.

There are about 90,000 policemen, he said.