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CRIME

# Senior cops to hit the streets

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Senior police officers ranked from inspectors and above will take part in walkabouts in commercial areas, streets and residential areas.

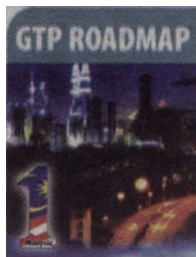
Dressed in full uniform, they will patrol together with beat policemen for at least three hours a week.

Their presence, according to the government, will reassure the people about the commitment of the police's senior leadership in tackling crime.

In addition, it will also motivate regular beat policemen, who will see their superiors actively involved at the sharp end of policing. Participation in these patrols may also be considered in senior officers' performance appraisals.

The government said all mobile police vehicles and community police are also expected to stop and talk to people on the ground for 10 to 15 minutes every hour during regular patrols.

Talking to the public includes g



ering information, getting feedback and providing information such as sharing flyers with crime prevention tips or local police station contact details.

"This will give the general public more opportunities to raise their concerns with the police and get to know their local police officers better.

"It will also build the rakyat's trust in the police force, helping to address the feedback received from the rakyat during the open days that they fear and mistrust the police force."

The government will also refine and expand the "Feet on Street" programme where the police, supported by volunteers, will patrol hot spots to deter criminals and reassure the general public of their safety.

A special programme will be implemented through the Police Volunteer Reserve, which will absorb members of the People's Volunteer Corps and Civil Defence Force to participate in regular patrols, thus increasing police omnipresence.

The initiative will also be expanded to include the auxiliary police and the Undergraduate Police Voluntary Corp. The Government Transformation Programme Roadmap showed a three per cent increase in the crime index from 2006 to 2008, with 746 reported cases per 100,000 people to 767.

Early projections suggest property theft had dropped but violent crime may have gone up.