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## Hisham: More arrests expected

**PUTRAJAYA:** The arrest of eight suspects linked to the arson attack on the Metro Tabernacle Church is only the beginning "of many other arrests" as the police intensified efforts to identify and catch them.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said he had asked deputy Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar to continue the investigations so that individuals involved in arson attacks on churches, mosques and *surau* could be caught and prosecuted.

"I hope the success in arresting the eight suspects will acts as an eye opener to the public that the police are determined and committed to solve all arson cases committed on

places of worship.

"I have also asked the police to expedite preparing investigation papers so the eight can be tried and brought to justice as quickly as possible," he said in a statement yesterday.

On Tuesday, police arrested eight men aged between 21 and 26 believed to be involved in the arson attack on the church on Jan 8.

Several other churches were also similarly attacked following a High Court ruling on Dec 31 last year allowing the Catholic weekly magazine *Herald* to use the word "Allah" in its publications.

The court has since allowed a stay of execution pending an appeal against the decision by the Home Ministry.