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## Police probing Tun M over blog post

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GEORGE TOWN: Police are investigating former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for alleged defamation over a recent post in his blog.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said police have received several reports about the posting and an investigation would be carried out.

"I am not sure how many reports we have received but I can confirm that several were lodged one or two days ago, and we will investigate.

"This is our standard operating procedure after we receive police reports," he told a press conference at the state police headquarters here after Penang police chief Comm Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Hanafi handed over his duties to incoming chief Comm Datuk Abdul Ghafar Rajab yesterday.

He said police would have to complete its investigation before deciding whether any action should be taken.

"If he violated any law which allows us to make an arrest, we will do so."

"If there is a case, we will refer it to the Attorney-General," he added.

Khalid said the case was being investigated under Section 500 of the Penal Code for criminal defamation.

Dr Mahathir, in his blog, had lashed out at A-G Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali for not pressing charges against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak over the RM2.6bil donation and SRC International issue.

In a posting on his blog on Feb 5, Dr Mahathir criticised Apandi over his decision not to charge the prime minister, saying the country's top prosecutor had no credibility.

He also said Najib should resign if Malaysia wanted to regain its reputation.