

# Dr M was not treated like a criminal, says nation's top cop

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**JOHOR BARU:** The allegations by former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that he had been treated like a criminal during questioning are not true, says Tan Sri Razarudin Husain.

The Inspector-General of Police said the police were just carrying out their duties.

"On our part, we will continue with the investigation.

"This is a police investigation; we need to complete it because if we do not complete it, then we would seem to be biased," he said after witnessing the handover of duties to new Johor police chief Comm M. Kumar at state police headquarters here yesterday.

Comm Kumar's predecessor, Comm Datuk Kamarul Zaman Mamat, is retiring.

Razarudin said the police would need three to four days to complete their investigation paper on Dr Mahathir before handing it over to the Attorney General's Chambers.



On Tuesday, Dr Mahathir claimed he was being treated like a common criminal for voicing his opinion.

He said he was a law-abiding citizen who merely spoke his

mind and asked if he was allowed to speak at all.

"Our country is supposed to have freedom of speech.

"This is my opinion. Others make even more racist state-

ments, but it was okay. But when I say something, it cannot be accepted," he said.

He added that he was informed 18 people had lodged reports over his recent interview with an

Indian TV channel.

Dr Mahathir said during his session with investigators on Tuesday, he was asked a total of 19 questions.

"There were some questions that I answered, while others I simply responded that I would answer in court.

"They (the police) even showed me a 30-minute clip of my interview and asked me if I could see anything wrong with my statement, but I told them that I saw nothing wrong with it," he said.

Dr Mahathir has been embroiled in a war of words with several leaders following his interview with Thanthi TV in which he claimed the Indian community is not completely loyal to Malaysia as they are still tied to their country of origin.

**Passing the torch:** Razarudin (middle) witnessing the handover of duties to new Johor police chief Comm M. Kumar (right) by retiring Comm Datuk Kamarul Zaman Mamat.  
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