

PM: I give IGP full authority to deal with cases that threaten unity

KUALA LUMPUR: Police should not hesitate to take action in situations that threaten the country's unity, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said cases involving racial harmony needed to be dealt with firmly.

"I give full authority to the inspector-general of police and I will not interfere with any investigations.

"Instead, I urge the police not to compromise to save the country.

"In Islam, it is mentioned that we are preachers, not judges.

"We have judges and there are courts that will follow legal path and methods.

"Even as preachers, we cannot incite hatred or encourage people to act arbitrarily."

DATUK SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM
Prime minister

"We will not compromise with any actions that insult any race or religion, especially Islam."

He said this in his speech at the 217th Police Day celebration here yesterday.

Anwar also warned the public against breaking the law, no matter their status, including politicians.

At the same event, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said police were considering setting up a department on cyber technology that focused on digital crime and complex technologies.

He said the tasks and responsibilities of the police were becoming challenging and complex.

He said he hoped the government would consider their proposal, borne out of sincere intentions to provide the best service for the public.

"Digital technology has revolutionised the world and our lives.

"Also, technological advancements have contributed to new crime trends, including the use of artificial intelligence.

"So, to strengthen the service delivery system, police must equip their departments with assets and equipment."