

3 KILLED IN MELAKA POLICE OP

PM ORDERS OPEN PROBE INTO SHOOTING

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday instructed police to conduct a transparent, open

and detailed investigation into the Nov 24 shooting in Durian Tunggal, Melaka, which left three suspected criminals dead.

Anwar said the investigation should be carried out without shielding any party. He also requested a detailed report on custodial deaths.

He said that while the cabinet welcomed the firm stand taken by police against criminals and

those who violate the law, he stressed that every complaint involving misconduct must be investigated openly.

He added that cases of non-compliance with procedures should also be investigated transparently.

"I have directed Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Khalid Ismail to ensure the investigations are conducted transparently and without shielding anyone.

"We do not shield criminals, but we also do not protect actions, including actions by police personnel, that violate the principles of the rule of law."

He said this after performing Friday prayers at Cyberjaya 10 Mosque.

He said he had asked Khalid to present a detailed, transparent and professional report to Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail on the matter.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim greeting worshippers at Cyberjaya 10 Mosque yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

On Wednesday, Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department (CID) director Datuk M. Kumar said a team had been set up to investigate claims made by the family members of the three male suspects shot dead in Durian Tunggal.

The families had expressed dissatisfaction over the police action.

He said Bukit Aman CID views this matter seriously and assures that investigations would be conducted transparently, fairly and professionally in accordance with the law.

Earlier, Melaka police chief Datuk Dzulkhairi Mukhtar had said the three suspects, aged between 21 and 29, were shot dead

after one of them swung a machete at a police corporal during an operation in an oil palm estate in Durian Tunggal.

The incident left the corporal, in his early 30s, with severe injuries to his left arm.

Dzulkhairi had said all three suspects from the Durian Tunggal Gang were believed to be en route to commit a robbery when they encountered the police team.

It was also reported that the gang had been active since 2024 and was linked to 20 cases in Melaka and one each in Negeri Sembilan and Selangor, involving losses estimated at RM1.35 million.

Police's version of the events,

however, was disputed by lawyers and the families of the three men who claimed the trio were unarmed and did not attack any officer in the alleged encounter.

The families provided a recorded telephone conversation which one of the victims had with his wife prior and during the shooting. In the recording, one of the suspects was heard pleading with the policemen, "Jangan, saya ada anak!" (Don't, I have a kid!) repeatedly, before gunshots were heard.

The families wanted Anwar to intervene and convene a meeting with the Home Ministry, saying the incident warranted nothing less than a Royal Commission of Inquiry.