

Police Prepared In All Aspects To Face 13th General Election Anytime
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TAWAU, Dec 30 (Bernama) -- The Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) is ready in all aspects to face the coming 13th general election, said the director of Internal Security and Public Order, Datuk Salleh Mat Rasid.

"If the general election is announced anytime, PDRM is prepared to assist the Election Commission in ensuring the elections are conducted smoothly.

"Our preparedness include the number of officers and members available and their know-how," he said during his visit to the Tawau Marine Operations Force headquarters, here, where he also had a dialogue with members of the force.

On restructuring of the functions of the Marine Operations Force (PGM), Salleh said this was expected to be ready by January, and that PGM would not be defunct but would instead be given additional tasks that were previously handled by other branches in PDRM.

He said currently, he and his officers were going round the country to explain the functions of PGM to the members who were still with the agency after some of its functions were taken over by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA).

According to him, under the restructuring exercise, the Sabah and Sarawak PGM would be placed under the authority of the respective state police commissioners while in Peninsular Malaysia, it would be placed under the respective state police chiefs.

He said besides carrying out routine work like monitoring the rivers, lakes, ports and islands, the PGM members would also handle other duties including crime prevention.

"Contrary to claims, the PGM will still be around, it's only that we've handed over 570 members, 60 boats and ships, and seven bases to the MMEA," he added.

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