

**Police To Face More Challenges In Future - Hishammuddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, March (Bernama) -- The Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) is expected to face more challenges in future with the use of various new approaches to tackle crime, said Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein.

He said cyber crime would continue to increase, while reducing street crime and the crime index needed to be given further emphasis, particularly in the aspect of prevention.

"Hence, the government is very concerned about the crime trends in the context of our own country and internationally," he said at the 205th Police Day celebration at Dataran Merdeka, here, tonight.

He said police realised that Internet users mainly comprised the young or Y generation.

He acknowledged that the group had come forward to lodge police reports on online transaction frauds.

"I understand that the Commercial Crime Investigation Department has received many reports on such cases and investigations are being carried out to identify the culprits," he said.

He admitted there had been instances where the public felt uneasy over moves by police acting in their professional capacity.

"However, professional blunders do happen in any organisation in the world, although the magnitude and implications may differ according to the situation and time," he said.

The minister said interactive communication through the social media had helped police to respond more quickly to situations.

"PDRM's official facebook, for instance, channel information it receives from the public directly to the contingents for immediate action and the responsive service has benefited the people," he noted.

Hishammuddin said the PDRM mascot, "Harimau Biru" launched this year was symbolic of the courage and adroitness of the police in maintaining the nation's wellbeing.

"With the mascot, surely the police will be seen as the country's most prominent enforcement and security agency," he said.

He added that the police were now at a level of their own based on their progress and equipment and facility enhancement, including the Bukit Aman Tower which would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on April 12.

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