

Bombing Suspect Not On Yingluck-Najib Discussion
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BANGKOK, Feb 17 (Bernama) - The detention of an Iranian in Malaysia, in connection with the three bomb blasts in this capital on Tuesday, will not be on the discussion agenda when Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra makes an official visit to Malaysia next Monday.

Acting Thai Government spokesman Thitima Chaisaeng said the matter would not be on the agenda when Yingluck held discussions with her Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the latter's office in Putrajaya.

"Prime Minister Yingluck will let the security authority take care of the case.

"However, the prime minister (Yingluck) has prepared information, in case Malaysian officials ask her about it during the meeting of delegations involving the two countries," she told reporters here.

Bangkok is seeking the extradition of the 31-year-old Iranian who was detained at the Low Cost Carrier Terminal in Sepang on Wednesday, as he was about to leave for Tehran after flying in from Bangkok, the previous night.

Three bombs rocked this capital on Tuesday, including an incident where an Iranian man lost his legs when a bomb he hurled at a police patrol car, ricocheted and struck him at Sukhumvit 71 Road here.

The first bomb blast occurred at the suspect's rented house near the road and the second blast was when one of the suspects threw a bomb at a taxi for refusing to take him near the road.

A third bomb was hurled when the police patrol car intercepted him at the road.

So far, Thai police have detained two Iranian suspects, including the injured suspect who is being treated at a hospital here.

An Iranian woman, believed to be an accomplice, was reported to have left the country early this month.

All four had rented a house near the Sukhumvit 71 Road which was partly damaged by the first blast.

Malaysian police said the 31-year-old suspect was held under the Immigration Act and to facilitate investigations into terrorism activities in relation to the bombings in Thailand.

Thitima said Yingluck, among others, would discuss border issue, drug trafficking problem, halal food industry, trade between the two countries, as well as current situation of Thai

workers in Malaysia.

Yingluck, who took over the country's premiership last August, is the first Thai woman to be elected prime minister.

She had initially planned to visit Malaysia on Oct 10, last year but had to postpone the trip due to severe floods in this country.

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