

Election drill to prepare cops for any situation
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IPOH: The election drill carried out by the state police in Perak is to prepare the men in blue for any situation or scenario, said state police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Mohd Shukri Dahlan.

He said that the drill was not carried out because the police were expecting Perak to be a "hot state" in the coming general election.

"The exercise was carried out based on the experiences we faced during the 2004 and 2008 general election," he said.

DCP Mohd Shukri said that the outcome of the exercise would be used as a guideline in preparing for the general election while any weaknesses would be rectified.

About 3,500 police personnel took part in the two-day exercise code named X-Ballot on Feb 24 and 25, he told a press conference at the state police headquarters here yesterday.

DCP Mohd Shukri also advised all political parties to be more responsible in their activities to safeguard the peace in the state.

He also hoped all parties would cooperate with the police to ensure a smooth general election.

"Once the Parliament is dissolved, we will be calling representatives of all political parties for a briefing.

"Another briefing will be held when the candidates have been named," he said.

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