

**Bring Killers Of Customs No. 2 To Justice, Najib Tells Police
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IPOH, April 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has directed the police to expedite investigations and bring to justice the killers of Customs Deputy Director-General Datuk Shaharuddin Ibrahim.

While strongly condemning the vicious act, the prime minister said it (the killing) was a shock as it took place in Putrajaya which was the nation's administrative centre involving civil servants.

"It happened to our personnel (civil servant) who was taking enforcement action against parties uneasy with his strict enforcement.

"I strongly condemn the action and hope the police will investigate to arrest those involved," he told a goodwill session with members of the security forces at the North Hulu Kinta Bridge in Ipoh Friday.

In the 8.15am incident Friday, Shaharuddin was shot by two men on a motorcycle when the car he was travelling in, stopped at a traffic light at the junction of Lebu Sentosa and Lebu Wawasan, enroute to his office.

Elaborating, Najib said the security of civil servants in the country needed to be given more attention while they carried out their duties.

"What I want to state here is that civil servants in the country should be given protection when they are carrying out their responsibilities in the interest of the nation," he said.

Meanwhile in IPOH, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar said a special team has been formed to investigate into the murder of late Saharuddin.

He said the team would be headed by Bukit Aman Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Bakri Zinin.

"Investigation is in progress.. I will ascertain it is conducted thoroughly and we will find those responsible," Ismail told reporters after a programme with security members which was also attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Friday.

The IGP said preliminary investigations found that two men on a motorcycle had fired at the vehicle which Shaharuddin was travelling in.

More than one shot was believed fired at the victim which hit him on the neck, head and left side of the body, he said, adding that police would wait for the post-mortem report to confirm it.

Ismail said the incident was not connected with the general election and assured the people, especially in Putrajaya, to not worry about their safety.

"This is an isolated incident, nothing to do with the election. It is a murder of a law enforcement officer.

"We cannot accept an incident where an enforcement officer becomes the victim and it is like putting fear and challenging the enforcement authorities in discharging their duties," he added.

He said police would cooperate with other law enforcement agencies, like the Customs Department and the Immigration Department, in gathering of information to track down the suspects.

Ismail called on those who witnessed the incident, or with information on it, to contact the nearest police station.

On a statement by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi that three opposition leaders were identified to be behind the intrusion in Lahad Datu, Ismail said the matter was still under investigation.

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