

**Police Will Act Against Those Who Commit Seditious Acts - Deputy IGP
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KOTA KINABALU, March 13 (Bernama) -- The Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Noor Rashid Ibrahim has stressed that the police will not compromise to act decisively against anyone who tried to incite the public on seditious issues.

Noor Rashid said such decisive action must be taken by the police to ensure that the people and country remained prosperous and secure.

"If we refer to the definition of Section 2 in the Sedition Act, (it is) called "seditious tendency".

"Anyone who disputes the position of the (Malay) rulers, anyone who disputes the integrity of the courts that exist in our country, anyone who incites racial tension, we define (these acts) under Section 2 of the Sedition Act (1948)," he said.

Noor Rashid said this to reporters after closing the Police Station Heads Integrity Seminar (Sabah contingent) here today. Noor Rashid was commenting on police investigations against Doris Jones, who is associated with the Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia (SSKM) movement.

Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Jalaluddin Abdul Rahman was also present at the event.

According to Noor Rashid anyone who disputed articles under Section 2 of the Sedition Act would be subject to police investigations and appropriate action would be taken against them including being charged in court.

Noor Rashid said that although the Federal Constitution guarantees freedom of speech in the country, the freedom does, however, have its limits.

"It means if we want to talk, we need to know the limits. If you cross the limits, then as police officers, with a view to maintain peace and order in the country, we will take action accordingly," he said.

Commenting on the seminar, Noor Rashid said it would be implemented throughout the country and among the states that had held the seminar besides Sabah were Kuala Lumpur, Johor, Selangor and Penang.

He said the seminar which was organized by the Integrity and Standard Compliance Department (JIP) - a new department in the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) established in July last year, was to ensure that police officers and members adhered to standards when performing their duties.

"In our effort to provide the best service to the community, we have set our benchmarks

and the officers and members must be able to pass the prescribed standards. This is to ensure that policemen and officers are aware of what is happening around them and of the society's needs," he said.

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