

**Police Probe Dr Mahathir's Remarks At Bersih 4 Rally - IGP
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- The police have begun investigations into remarks reportedly made by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the Bersih 4 rally at the Dataran Merdeka in August.

Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar denied allegations by certain quarters the police did not investigate the former prime minister's remarks.

"The fact that we did not summon him (Dr Mahathir) does not mean there is no investigation. The investigation is underway and he will be summoned to give a statement when needed.

"We opened investigation papers after receiving police reports that he (Dr Mahathir) had said several UMNO members received incentives, and not for his involvement in the Bersih 4 rally," he said after closing a Master of Social Science (Police Studies) and Investigative Science Diploma course 2013/2014 here today.

He was commenting on a statement by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi yesterday, that the police had opened investigation papers on complaints lodged against Dr Mahathir.

Ahmad Zahid had said that of the three investigation papers opened, two involved ongoing investigations while another was referred to the Attorney-General's Chambers for further instruction.

Meanwhile, on the use of Sumatera as a new route for human trafficking as stated by Ahmad Zahid, who is also home minister, the IGP said the police were working with their Indonesian counterparts.

In addition to continuous monitoring, the police would take appropriate action against those involved in trans-border human trafficking, he added.

Previously, human trafficking syndicates used the Malaysia-Thai border to smuggle foreigners into this country.

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