

Jong-Nam's Next-of-Kin Due In Malaysia Soon - Deputy IGP

MUAR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- The police expect the next-of-kin of murdered North Korean Kim Jong-nam to come to Malaysia in a day or two.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Noor Rashid Ibrahim said today no relative of the older half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un had come forward as yet to identify the body.

The next-of-kin would have to verify the identity of the remains and undergo a DNA test, he said to reporters after the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, opened the Bukit Kepong Emergency Gallery here.

Noor Rashid said there was an option if no next-of-kin came forward but he did not wish to disclose that as yet.

Asked how the CCTV footage on the killing at the KL International Airport 2 (klia2) could have been leaked to the media, he said the priority now was to investigate the murder.

"We'll focus on the investigation (of the murder) first, after which we will attend to the leakage of information and so on," he said.

Jong-nam was at the KL International Airport 2 (klia2) at 8am on Feb 13 to board a flight to Macau an hour later when two women suddenly appeared before him and wiped his face with the palms of their hands which contained a poisonous liquid.

Jong-nam sought help at a customer service counter at the airport and was rushed to the Putrajaya Hospital but died on the way.

He had come to Malaysia on Feb 6 and carried a passport bearing the name Kim Chol.

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