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PM wants law to reinforce citizens' rights to fight crime

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Government is considering introducing a law to strengthen the people's rights in helping the police to curb crime including snatch thefts, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

"I am looking into how to beef up the legal provisions to authorise citizens to a certain degree to encourage them to extend their assistance to the police to curb crimes," he said in his comments on the reported cases of snatch thefts that are becoming rampant.

The Prime Minister told Bernama here that he would discuss the matter more specifically with the Cabinet and would ask the Attorney-General's Chambers to draft the proposed law to be tabled in Parliament as soon as possible.

Basically, he said, the law to be introduced would allow citizens to play a more effective role based on the legal provisions in efforts to curb crimes.

Abdullah said that the incident in which several people in Klang assaulted a snatch thief last Saturday showed

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