

Police awaiting forensic report on alleged bullying at Kuantan MRSM [NSTTV]

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KUANTAN: Police are waiting for the forensic report on the alleged bullying case involving a Form Two student at the Mara Junior Science College (MRSM) here which went viral on social media last week.

Pahang police chief Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf said police were fine-tuning their investigations from various angles and had called several people to record their statements.

"Investigations are ongoing. Besides going through the reports provided by the counsellors, we are waiting for the forensic report.

"So far, investigations revealed there was no element of gangsterism in the incident as gangsterism would usually involve a group of people or being physically harmed.

"Do not speculate on the case and give the police space to complete all the necessary investigations," he told reporters after attending a meeting between the police and state education department at the Malaysia Sports school in Gambang here today.

Ramli said he had informed the district police chief to speed up the probe, nonetheless the duration to complete the ongoing investigations would largely depend on the forensic report and other case related findings.

On Aug 12, a woman posted on Facebook claiming that the school's management did not take any action regarding the bullying case involving her daughter. She also claimed that her daughter's uniform was vandalised and her hair was cut while sleeping.

Earlier this week, Kuantan police chief Assistant Commissioner Wan Mohd Zahari Wan Busi said the school lodged a report on Aug 8 followed by the victim's mother on Aug 12.

He said five people were called in to have their statements recorded, including those from the school and the case was being investigated under Section 427 of the Penal Code for causing damage through acts of mischief.

On today's meeting, Ramli said school liaison officers (PPS) were proposed to hold crime prevention talks during the weekly assembly at schools.

"The officers can spend between five and seven minutes to raise awareness and share crime prevention measures on various topics with the students.

"Maybe one week, they can talk on the danger of drugs and the following week on traffic offences.

"If 80 from a total of 100 students listen and adhere to the advice given during the assembly, then it may bring positive changes compared to not making any effort to tackle juvenile crimes," he said, citing some of the crimes involving students in Pahang were bullying and rape.

Meanwhile, state Education deputy director (student development sector) Yusof Kassim said it was agreed during the meeting that policemen who were appointed as PPS would visit the schools statewide twice a month.

"Previously, the policemen will visit the schools once a month. To form a closer rapport and assist with crime prevention, they will visit the schools twice in a month," he said, adding that there were 740 primary and secondary schools in Pahang.



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