



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi looking at the police barracks in Cheras yesterday. (Inset) Zahid witnessing the handover of documents between Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Mohamad Fuzi Harun (left) and Fire and Rescue Department director-general Datuk Seri Wan Mohd Nor Ibrahim in Cheras yesterday. Looking on is Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRI BADRI SAALI



GENERAL OPERATIONS FORCE

# ZAHID: RM13 MILLION FOR BARRACKS

Allocation to upgrade accommodation, facilities, says DPM

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DEPUTY Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi announced a RM13 million allocation to upgrade and im-

prove accommodation and facilities at the General Operations Force barracks here.

Zahid, who is also home minister, made the announcement following a working visit to the barracks. He was accompanied by Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Mohamad Fuzi Harun and Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar.

Zahid said the Home Ministry had been instructed to look into all police accommodation, particularly those in dire need of upgrading and improvements.

He said improvements would be made to ensure not just the welfare of police, but their families would be taken care of, too.

"The process will be conducted in stages. A budget has been allocated by the government as we

found some police accommodation were severely run down."

For the General Operations Force barracks in Cheras, Zahid said the upgrading would cover accommodation units, the mosque, recreational facilities

and schools.

On another note, Zahid announced that the Maktal Rendah Sains Mara campus under construction in Bagan Datul would be for children of police personnel.

## FIRE INCIDENTS

# Fire Dept, cops to collaborate in probes

KUALA LUMPUR: Collaboration between the police and the Fire and Rescue Department is vital to avoid clashes in fire investigations, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said beginning yesterday, to coordinate the process, only one agency would be involved in the preliminary investigations of a fire.

"With this smart collaboration, investigations will be smooth and both agencies can deliver the best service to the public," he said in his speech at the Police

College in Cheras here.

Zahid earlier witnessed the signing of a collaboration between police and the Fire and Rescue Department.

He said the cooperation was not just for investigations, but also in appointing a spokesman to avoid contradictions.

Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar said the police's willingness to collaborate with the department was an honour and a recognition of the department and the ministry.

He said the signing of the

collaboration was in line with the spirit of the National Blue Ocean Strategy towards accomplishing the success of the Government Transformation Programme.

He said the close-knit collaboration between two agencies was seen in the arson case at the Darul Quran Itifaqiyah religious school in Keramat.

"The fire happened in the morning.

"The Fire and Rescue investigations unit had swiftly investigated and identified the incident as arson by noon."

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Penang	6:16	7:33	1:34	4:55	7:29	8:41
K.Lumpur	6:08	7:26	1:29	4:51	7:28	8:40
JohorBaru	5:57	7:17	1:20	4:42	7:20	8:33
Kuantan	6:02	7:20	1:23	4:45	7:21	8:34
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