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Datuk Mohd Yusri Hassan Basri

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Cops, Perhilitan investigating alleged fish bombing

KUANTAN: Police and the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) are investigating an alleged fish bombing in Sungai Sepia, Ulu Tembeling, in Jerantut on July 16, that purportedly involved a state assemblyman.

Pahang deputy police chief Datuk Mohd Yusri Hassan Basri said police were also investigating how the report on the incident was leaked online.

"Police will call several individuals to record their statements on the leaked police report concerning the incident that has gone viral and Perhilitan will look into the alleged bombing incident that occurred within the National

Park. I do not want to comment much as investigations by both the agencies are still being carried out.

"Let's give them time to complete the papers," he said after attending the Pahang police monthly gathering at its headquarters here yesterday.

Yusri said police were carrying out investigations under Section 203A of the Penal Code, which concerns the disclosure of information on an official investigation, and Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1988.

On July 22, police received a report claiming that the assem-

blyman was part of a group that had used explosives to catch fish in Sungai Sepia.

Two days later, a 44-year-old contractor claimed responsibility for throwing explosives into the river and denied the assemblyman was involved.

The individual said he threw six *mercurun bola* (a powerful firecracker shaped like a ball) into the river and two had exploded.

On Tuesday, Ketari assemblyman Young Syefura Othman urged the authorities to take action against the contractor for claiming that he threw firecrackers just for fun, which showed

that he was not sensitive about environmental issues.

Earlier in his speech yesterday, Yusri said the department would not compromise with officers leaking classified documents or information, spreading and sharing police reports, case facts, video clips, images of victims, incident scenes, case items or investigation details with the public.

"Such an act will tarnish the image of the police, the civil service and the government.

"Those caught leaking information can be dismissed and charged under the Official Secrets Act 1972," he said.

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