

Liow rubbishes reports on lax airport security

PUTRAJAYA: Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai yesterday gave his assurance that Malaysian airports are safe.

Rubbishing reports that questioned the level of security at the country's airports, he maintained that there was no need to worry.

Speaking following news of the assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's estranged elder half-brother at Klia2 in Sepang on Monday, Liow said: "It (the assassination) has nothing to do with airport security. We have very good airport security". Speaking to reporters after a cabinet meeting here, Liow said he did not have details on the death of Kim Jong-nam, but he had instructed Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB) to co-operate with police in the investigation, especially in providing the necessary information, such as closed-circuit television camera recordings.

In Kota Kinabalu, MAHB chairman Tan Sri Dr Wan Abdul Aziz Wan Abdullah said security at airports would be stepped up following the incident.

Saying the case was an isolated one, he stressed, however, that there would be no compromise when it came to security at airports.

In Seremban, federal police Management Department director Datuk Seri Zulkifli Abdullah said the installation of the latest technology to improve security procedures at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and klia2 would be considered following Jong-nam's killing.

He said a review of security measures would be conducted. "We will focus on elements that need to be improved on and how we can utilise them to tighten the security system. Besides deploying more personnel at airports, the implementation of new technology is equally important". He said any change would be done based on the Selangor police chief's assessment.

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