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PREVENTING POLICE LOCK-UP INCIDENTS

Monitoring system has reduced 'undesirable incidents'

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THE number of undesirable incidents in police lock-ups has seen a decline following the introduction of the Self-Monitoring Analytics Reporting Technology (Smart) Lock-up system in February last year.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Noor Rashid Ibrahim said the system, developed by Mimos Bhd, had proven a worthwhile investment for the police force.

"A total of 57 lock-ups in Klang Valley have been installed with the system, including one centralised lock-up in Shah Alam.

"Since the installation of the system, the number of undesirable incidents in lock-ups have dropped. And even if it happens, the time taken by our men to retrieve the data for forensic investigation has been trimmed compared with when using conventional CCTV cameras," he said here yesterday.

Asked for statistics on the decline, Noor Rashid said he did not have any at hand.



Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Noor Rashid Ibrahim speaking at the National Innovation and Creative Economy Expo in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY MUHD ZAABA ZAKERIA

The system, he said, would eventually be expanded to cells in other states.

"We will apply for allocations from the government. It cost RM3.3 million for 57 lock-ups in the Klang Valley, so if it is going to be installed nationwide, it will surely need a large allocation," he said.

He said if the allocations were approved, they would look into

installing the system at main lock-ups such as in Taiping, Perak and George Town, Penang.

Noor Rashid said with the usage of the system, less manpower would eventually be needed to man lock-ups and policemen could be tasked with other duties.

Noor Rashid was speaking after the system handover at the National Innovation and Creative Economy 2017.

The event was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Azhar Yahaya.

The Smart Lock-up system, which collects and analyses recorded data, detects unusual movements in lock-ups as well as other areas inside a deten-

tion centre.

The system will then trigger an alarm at the centre's control room, alerting personnel on duty of the unusual movements and prompting them to conduct checks.

The system is also equipped with number plate recognition, enabling the police to identify vehicles entering and exiting the compound.

It was first installed at the Jinjang Centralised Lock-up Centre last year. Jinjang has 60 cells fully equipped with the system.

If the allocations are approved, police would start expanding the system to lock-ups nationwide based on priorities.

"It will take several years before all lock-ups are equipped with the system."

Noor Rashid said the system could show what actually happened in the lock-up, if there was a custodial death, and what actually happened that led to the detainees' death.

"This is good for the police because it could provide evidence which is credible in court. Usually when there is a death (in custody), the public always relates us with being rough.

"Sometimes those arrested have health issues, such as drug addicts, and happen to pass away in the lock-up. So now we have footage and pictures we can show to parties such as the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam)," he said.



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