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### CRIME: Cops should be on the streets, not in offices

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**GROUPON** **JIMAT HINGGA 70%** \*Contoh tawaran-tawaran yang akan datang

LATELY, crime has been hogging the headlines. The murders of Hussain Ahmad Najadi, Arab-Malaysian Development Bank's first managing director, security firm owner Jasrafveenderjeet Singh, who was shot dead gangland style in Ipoh, and another shooting in Penang have left many Malaysians fearing for their lives.

The crime index statistics say otherwise, but that is not a consolation.

Immediate action must be taken by the police to stem the rise in crime.

Perhaps these suggestions may help:

IN police stations and departments, it appears as if armed policemen are more involved in clerical work than actually patrolling the streets. The clerical work can be done by non-armed members of the civil service or clerks;

**THERE** are too many overlapping roles by the traffic police and enforcement officers from the Road Transport Department (RTD), Land and Public Transport Commission (SPAD) and even the local authorities. Instead of having policemen handle traffic matters, this role could be passed on to either the RTD, SPAD or local authorities. Police can then concentrate on their crime-prevention rounds;

**POLICE** could train some members of the local authorities or appoint them as members of the auxiliary police force. This will complement the resources required for crime prevention. This greater presence will put more pressure on criminals;

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**USE** technology. Provide incentives or discounts for commercial building owners and operators to install closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at strategic nooks and corners. This adds more "eyes" and gives more "presence", preventing or discouraging street crime. Home owners should also be encouraged to install CCTVs;

**AS** part of their corporate social responsibility programme, large corporations could share part of their vast profits to help install CCTVs and monitoring sites;

**REVIVE** the Rukun Tetangga concept in every community and assign a police liaison officer to join in their nightly patrols. Grants or incentives should be provided by the various corporations, especially housing developers;

**ENCOURAGE** the use of home guards for 24-hour security at homes;

**LOCAL** authorities should look at the layout of a housing estate and make it compulsory for developers to establish crime-prevention measures, such as fencing or CCTVs. For older housing areas, grants should be given by the government or corporations to build fencing and install CCTVs;

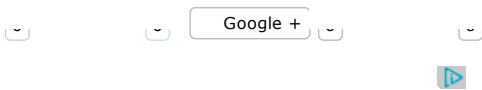
**THERE** must be better training for the police or prosecution teams to ensure they have sufficient evidence for a conviction. The harshest punishment should be meted out. Separate petty criminals from the hardened ones; and,

**THE** Attorney-General Chambers should work closely with the police and community to ensure that our laws are adequate to discourage criminals and prevent crimes.

I want our safe streets back. I want to be able to walk with my family without having to look over my shoulder for snatch thieves or robbers.

I want to sleep and rest easy and not be worried that a crime may be committed close to home.

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