

Ops 1Malaysia gets underway

KUCHING: The police have kick-started *Ops 1Malaysia*, aimed at reducing crime in the city, with the operation to be implemented initially in Kota Sentosa and Siburan.

Kuching police chief ACP Roslan Bek Ahmad said the operation would involve 10 agencies under the Home Ministry, patrolling in residential and commercial areas at night.

"The operation will involve some 15 personnel, led by the police.

"It is to show the presence of the authority and to ensure the safety of the people while keeping crime at bay," he told reporters after launching the operation at the Kota Sentosa police station here on Monday.

Among the agencies involved are the Prison Department, Rela, Civil Defence Department, Immigration Department, National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK), National Registration Department and Registrar of Societies (ROS).

ACP Roslan also urged various associations, including neighbourhood watch groups, to take part in the operation to make it a success.

Ops 1Malaysia was initiated during the National Strategy Execution Summit meeting held on Jan 17 this year which decided to implement the 5th Wave National Blue Ocean Strategy to increase the omnipresence in hotspot areas throughout the country which targets 100,000 security personnel involved in crime-busting activities.