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The cyber crime in Petaling Jaya is on the rise. The public is urged to be mindful of their online purchases. — Posed by model



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1 Some 400 summonses were issued by the traffic police and MBPJ issued another 300 summons during a food festival last year. The public illegally parked their vehicles along the Federal Highway blocking other motorists.

2 Avoid online purchasing of items through questionable sites. There have been cases of buyers being duped with items which were not as per order.

— Photo posed by models

Crime rate in PJ has dropped but cyber crime is on the rise

ALTHOUGH the total number of criminal cases in Petaling Jaya last year had reduced by 19% from 2014, cyber crime cases is on the increase in the city with the high broadband penetration, said Petaling Jaya district police chief Asst Comm Mohd Zani Che Din.

Initiatives by the police had also shown positive signs in recent years, he added.

He also said that the enhancement of crime fighting strategy and the deployment of police and assets had proven to reduce crime in Petaling Jaya.

The city had 1,540 police personnel, he added.

“In 2014 there were over 6,000 reported criminal cases in Petaling Jaya but it reduced to 4,900 in 2015. The reduction is close to 19%.

“Even the street crime reduced by about 16% in 2015 compared to 2014,” he said.

Mohd Zani said there were about 45 million phones registered in the country and this was more than the population of the country.

The public do more with their phones than making calls these days.

He said besides the African online scam syndicates, the online purchasing of items through questionable sites was a problem.

“We have had cases of someone buying a mobile phone online through a lesser known site and received a stone instead,” he said, advising people to ensure that the site they bought items from was legitimate.

On linking CCTVs to the police, Mohd Zain said it would be expensive and would require infrastructure.

“We are talking about terabytes amount of file size. Plus we have to also consider the duration to keep the files,” he said.

Mohd Zaini also urged the public to regard the police as their friend.

They should also not perceive fighting crime as being the business of the police only but to fight crime together.

“Snap pictures and hand it to the police. In Petaling Jaya residents give a lot of information to us and residents want to foster a good relationship with the police and we welcome this,” he said.

He also wants residents to have a good relationship with their neighbours and to build an active neighbourhood community.

“Don’t just rely on your security guards but look out for one another. Adopt the kampung culture in the city and be close to your neighbours,” he said.