Police double efforts to make township safer

GOMBAK — Police have pacified fears among residents in Bandar Country Homes in Rawang, stressing the residential area remained safe.

Statistics showed police only received eight reports on robbery from January to March this year. Nine reports were lodged during the same period last year.

Gombak police chief ACP Ali Ahmad said residents ought to change their perception, as police were working round-the-clock to ensure the township's safety.

Police have identified gang members who were involved in an attempted car jacking incident last Sunday, an incident that went viral.

"Most of the suspects, aged between 22 and 28, are unemployed and have criminal records," said Ali.

The gang had attempted to steal a car belonging to a resident in Phase 1. The car owner tried to stop the four robbers from stealing his car parked in front of his house only to be stabbed on his arm. The robbers fled the scene while the man was rushed to the Sungai Buloh Hospital.

"They usually go out in a group of three or four and are armed with machetes." Our team, led by CID chief DSP Wong Toon Aik, is confident of arresting them soon." Rawang state assemblyman Gan Pei Nee had posted on Facebook about two incidents that occurred on Sunday. The first case involved a man who fled with money taken from a petty trader's shop in Taman Bersatu while the other was the car jacking attempt.

Ali said the Taman Bersatu incident was not related to the gang. "After reading Gan's Facebook posting, we visited the shop and talked to its owner. The owner did not lodge a report as he said he only lost RM400." Gan said she had requested a meeting between police, non-governmental organisations, councillors and the Rawang village chairman.

She urged all to deploy more officers in Bandar Country Homes and Taman Bersatu.

"I was told only nine policemen attended to the more than 10,000 residents in Bandar Country Homes," Gan said.

She said there should be mutual understanding between police and the public.

"The meeting is expected to be held within two weeks. I hope the relevant parties will gain positive feedback and forge a better understanding in keeping our place safe."