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Top police officers get lessons on human rights

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About 120 police top brass and trainers will be educated on human rights issues in the first major dialogue-cum-workshop organised and conducted by the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) starting today.

The two-day workshop will first hear from Suhakam vice-chairperson Harun Hashim, law lecturers Prof Dr Shad Saleem Faruqi and Nurhalida Mohamed Khalil and former Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee chairperson M Puravalen.

Harun will present a paper entitled "Human rights — their nature and characteristics".

The plenary session will see presentations by Shad on "Human rights — constitutional and international perspectives", Nurhalida on "International dimension of human rights" and Puravalen on the "Right to fair criminal process".

Tomorrow, Bar Council human rights sub-committee member Jerald Allen Gomez will brief participants on the workshop which is interspersed with dialogue and question-and-answer sessions.

This will be followed by a panel assessment comprised of Gomez, Suhakam commissioner Prof Hamdan Adnan, KL Bar chairperson K Ragunath and assistant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Sharon GS Daniel. Hamdan will wrap up the workshop.

First step

Earlier, Suhakam chairperson Abu Talib Othman delivered a keynote address entitled "Overview of human rights situation in Malaysia".

Speaking at a press conference after the opening ceremony today, Inspector-General of Police Norian Mai said this was not the first dialogue between the police and Suhakam.