

Tajuk : Close Call, All He Wanted Was The Cops
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University student Wan Noor Hayati Wan Mahmud (left) and her friend Siti Nurfarawahida Abdul Rahim reenacting how an Indonesian man held Noor Hayati hostage in Kota Samarahan. **Story on Page S8.** — ZULAZHAR SHEBLEE / The Star



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KOTA SAMARAHAN: A 30-year-old Indonesian briefly held a student hostage in a university here in what looked like the foreigner's excuse to be caught and deported.

In the 5pm incident on Tuesday, the suspect who is from Lempur Danau, Jambi, Indonesia, grabbed 22-year-old Wan Noor Hayati

Wan Mahmud with a knife in one hand.

As Noor Hayati, a third year student of the university, shook and shivered in fear, her captor said all he wanted was for her to call the police, which she did.

According to CID police chief SAC Zulkifli Hassan, it would appear that the Indonesian wanted to be caught, probably because being caught could mean a deportation order, hence a

free ride home.

He said for now the police knew that the Indonesian had entered the state only last Saturday and that he had found work as a construction worker at a site not far from the university.

SAC Zulkifli said the foreigner was being investigated under Section 506 for criminal intimidation.

Meanwhile, Noor Hayati, from Kelantan, told reporters that she

would never forget being held "hostage."

"At that time, I was walking with a friend to class when suddenly I noticed a man rushing towards us from behind us. He grabbed me. I struggled to free myself from the man. I hit him with my umbrella but he was very strong," she said.

Noor Hayati recalled that she had asked the man why he chose her but he kept quiet.

"I did wonder whether this would be the end of me. The man did tell me that he would not hurt me and he asked me to contact the police," said the third of three siblings.

Noor Hayati was relieved that the man freed her when the police arrived at the scene. She was taken to the clinic in the hospital for a check-up but no injuries were found.