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SHAH ALAM: A couple from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and two bookstores in Kota Baru have been identified as offering cash for the 1Malaysia book assistance (BB1M) vouchers.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk seri Khalid Abu Bakar said police would act once they had obtained enough evidence.

It was reported that students sold or auctioned their RM200 book vouchers to make a quick buck.

The book assistance, which was tabled during the Budget 2012 last year, is aimed at helping students in higher learning institutions and those in Form Six to purchase books.

The vouchers cannot be exchanged for cash.

Commenting on the Ops Sikap, Khalid said the number of road accidents had increased by 3.5%, citing an increase from 13,865 accidents last year to 14,363 accidents this year.

On deaths due to road accidents, Khalid said the percentage had dropped by 18%.