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EZAM DARES GOVERNMENT TO PREFER CHARGES AGAINST HIM

KUALA TERENGGANU, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional Youth chief Mohamed Ezam Mohamed Noor has dared the government to charge him under the Official Secrets Act (OSA) for his statement on stashing government documents overseas.

He questioned why no announcement has been made on investigations into the case and no charge preferred against him when police had on several occasions taken statements from him.

"I challenge the government to state why no announcement has been made until today, no charge preferred against me ... I challenge (Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr) Mahathir Mohamad to charge me under the OSA," he said at a Keadilan Youth gathering here last night.

Ezam said he was ready for any possibility and that other Keadilan Youth leaders would continue the party's struggles if he was detained.

He also challenged Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to charge him and to release the outcome of several investigations against him (Ezam) under the Sedition Act.

Ezam said he had been investigated for a month under the Sedition Act for lodging a police report accusing First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz of corrupt practice.

"Why have I not been charged, no decision on the investigations made," he asked.

Ezam, who was previously detained for being involved in an illegal gathering at Masjid Negara on Sept 19, also admitted that he was responsible in leading the gathering.

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