

Karpal Singh defends High Court ruling

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PETALING JAYA: D A P deputy chairman Karpal Singh has defended a High Court decision on Friday that his detention in 1987 was unlawful.

He said his arrest under the Internal Security Act that year had violated the Federal Constitution.

Refuting claims on Monday by Deputy Home Minister Datuk Chor Chee Heung that his ISA detention was due to "technical defects," Karpal Singh said Chor did not have a good grasp of the law.

Karpal Singh, who was freed by the Ipoh High Court on March 9, 1988 after his detention, said the Home Minister then (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) had appealed to the Supreme Court against the ruling and, at the same time, issued a second order to detain him without waiting for the outcome of the appeal.

He said when the court allowed the appeal on July 19, 1988, the Home Minister withdrew the second detention order.

"The High Court's decision was not respected nine hours after my successful bid to regain my freedom," he said.