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Kit Siang, DAP leaders held for distributing leaflets

PORT DICKSON, Sun. - DAP national chairman Lim Kit Siang and five other State DAP leaders were arrested this morning for distributing leaflets opposing the declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic state at the PD wet market near here.

The others were Teluk Kemang DAP chief, John Fernandis, who is also deputy publicity secretary, deputy chairman P. Gunasegaran, assistant secretary Wong Hong Chuan, education bureau chief M.K. Arumugam and Lukut DAP chief Yew Kong Soo.

They were taken to the police station to have their statements recorded before they were released unconditionally about 11.30am.

Lim and State DAP committee members would be distributing similar leaflets at Pasar Besar Seremban at 8.30am tomorrow.

This is the second time Lim was arrested for distributing the leaflets "No to 929". On June 5, he was arrested while distributing the leaflets at Pasar Pinji market in Ipoh, Perak.

The leaflet refers to the date where Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made an announcement that Malaysia is an Islamic state (Sept 29, 2001).

Acting district police chief Deputy Superintendent Abdul Karim Hassam said the six DAP leaders were picked up while distributing the leaflets to members of the public at 8.45am.