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Lim-Detained

LIM KIT SIANG, FIVE OTHERS HELD FOR DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS

PORT DICKSON, July 21 (Bernama) -- DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang was again detained by police here today for distributing the "No 911, No to 929, Yes to 1957" in the party's campaign to get public support so that Malaysia is not turned into an Islamic country.

Besides Lim, 61, five other DAP leaders namely Negeri Sembilan DAP deputy chairman P. Gunasegaran, 43, DAP Teluk Kemang division chairman John Fernandez, 61, K. Arumugam, 56. Wong Hon Chuan, 29 and Hiew Kong Soo, 55, were also detained at the Port Dickson Market.

All the DAP leaders were detained by police led by ASP Hashim Mohamad at about 8.45am and taken to Port Dickson District Police Headquarters to have their statements recorded.

Port Dickson Acting OCPD DSP Abdul Karim Hassan said the six DAP leaders were being detained under Section 4 (1) (c) of the Sedition Act.

However, they were all released without condition at about 11.30am after giving their statements.

Police also seized 143 pamphlets from them.

Abdul Karim said further investigation on the matter would be carried out by the Deputy Public Prosecutor.

On June 5, Lim was detained for distributing pamphlets which were alleged to be seditious in nature at the Pasir Pinji Market, Ipoh.

He was later released on a RM3,000 bail. On July 5, Lim was released while waiting for a decision from the Attorney-General's Chamber, after he reported himself at the Ipoh District Police Headquarters as his one-month bail had expired.

The pamphlet "No to 929" refers to the date Sept 29, 2001 when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made the announcement that Malaysia was an Islamic country and Lim and the DAP, in their campaign, aimed to create public awareness on the implications of Dr Mahathir's statement.

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