

50 Gaps protesters stomp on PKR effigies
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The tussle between BN and Pakatan Rakyat over who is more loyal to the royalty has yet against spilled over to the streets.

This time, 50 protesters from Gerakan Anti-Penyelewengan Selangor (Gaps) stomped and spat on the effigies of Sri Muda assemblyperson Shuhaimi Shafiei and Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim.

Assembling at 12pm, the protesters marched a short distance to Shuhaimi's service centre in Kota Kemuning, Shah Alam.

They shouted slogans and called Shuhaimi a "traitor", "pondan" and "coward" for not being there to meet them personally.

They also carried with them banners and posters deriding Shuhaimi, as well two effigies, one labelled "Shuhaimi Penderhaka" (Shuhaimi a traitor) and the other "Khalid Gagap" (Khalid stammers).

However they were prevented from approaching the assemblyperson's office by a combined force of about 100 policemen led by Shah Alam OCPD Zahedi Ayob.

The police presence in the area from 10am included riot-equipped Light Strike Force personnel as well as those from the traffic and narcotics divisions of the Shah Alam district police headquarters.

To 'continue to hound' assemblyperson

Using a loudhailer, protest leader and Gaps chairperson Hamidzun Khairuddin exhorted the crowd and called upon Shuhaimi to answer their charge that he is a traitor.

"Whatever party you are from, everyone has a duty to protect the institution of the monarchy and keep the peace.

"We shall continue to hound Shuhaimi over his treachery. We marched already to the SUK and today in Kota Kemuning... we shall do so again," Hamidzun declared.

The protesters then asked police to allow three of their representatives to express their protest to Shuhaimi or his aides.

However, neither Shuhaimi, nor anyone from his office, showed up.

After a round of shouting and calling for someone to come out to face them, the crowd expressed their frustration by stomping and spitting on the effigies of Shuhaimi and Khalid.

But the police soon put a stop to this after a brief scuffle, removed Shuhaimi's effigy.

Slightly mollified, the crowd dispersed and consoled themselves by dragging Khalid's effigy

behind them.

"If we cannot spit and stomp, then we shall drag him," remarked a Gaps member gleefully as the crowd dispersed about 12.40pm under the watchful eyes of the police.

'Shuhaimi waging war against Malay rulers'

The protest is the latest in a series mounted by Umno-linked Gaps against Shuhaimi (left, photo below) for his blog posting, that they accused of "waging war against the Malay rulers".

Gaps is baying for Shuhaimi's head over the matter, and has lodged a police report against the PKR assemblyperson.

Earlier, Shuhaimi's house was splashed with red paint.

The Sri Muda assemblyperson was called to the Shah Alam police district headquarters yesterday to give his statement on his controversial blog posting.

In the blog entry, Shuhaimi had commented on the sultan's role in the controversial appointment of former Selangor Islamic Department (Jais) head Mohd Khusrin Munawi as the state secretary, without consulting the MB.

Gaps subsequently took offence at the tone of Shuhaimi's comments.

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