

**Guan Eng: Umno-linked press out to lynch me**  
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Fresh from pursuing a case against the Umno-linked Utusan Malaysia in the Penang High Court today, Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng now plans to sue two more newspapers.

NONELim's latest targets are New Straits Times (NST) and Mingguan Malaysia, in relation to their reports on an alleged dinner meeting in Singapore with several senior leaders of the People's Action Party.

The dinner was also reportedly attended by a Malaysia Airlines board director, Mohamad Azman Yahya and businessman Kalimullah Hassan.

Lim, Mohamad Azman and Kalimullah have already denied the reports published yesterday.

The reports quoted Perkasa information chief Ruslan Kasim as urging the three to clear the air over the matter in the interests of the country.

However, Ruslan has since said that he had been misquoted in his statement to NST on Saturday.

"What I said ... was that Azman should answer allegations that he has information on a secret meeting between Lim and PAP's top leaders during a dinner on Aug 12 in Singapore that was also attended by Kalimullah."

Ruslan urged the trio to clarify if the topics discussed during the alleged meeting had involved Malaysian's national security.

Lim said he is not surprised by the NST report as the newspaper has often "published lies" about him.

"This is just another series of lies. I feel I am a subject of a lynching exercise by NST," he grumbled.

"This (report) is defamatory and it questions our loyalty. The NST does not stand for 'New Straits Times'. It stands for a newspaper that 'never speaks the truth'."

Lim said he would sue NST to see if it is as bad as Utusan which, even when caught red-handed, fails to apologise for errors.

"Even if they are dying, they would not want to respond," he added.

He wants a full apology and withdrawal of the report by the newspapers, failing which he will initiate legal action against them.

No deterrent

Lim said that, to report that they were having dinner is not wrong, but to add that he had leaked top secret information is "false".

NONE"I am not the government of Malaysia, I do not have any secrets (to expose)," he said.

He also said this would not deter him from having dinner with Singapore officials or businessmen.

On deputy premier Muhyiddin Yassin's (left) comment telling Perkasa not to see too much in the matter,

Lim claimed: "This is because (Muhyiddin) himself meets with Singapore officials from time to time."

Muhyiddin had said Malaysians often hold meetings with representatives of Singapore ministries and PAP to discuss bilateral matters or improve business ties.

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