

## **Umno kidnap charge attempt against PKR fails**

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Another attempt at fixing PKR volunteers on a house-to-house survey, this time on a child kidnapping charge, blew up in the face of Umno when police unconditionally released them for lack of evidence.

NONESix of them were at the Sri Pahang Flats in Lembah Pantai at around 11.30am today when three Umno members showed up, according to Fahmi Fadzil (left), the political secretary to the constituency's MP Nurul Izzah Anwar.

"Despite the volunteers having showed their tags and documents to prove that they are from Nurul Izzah's office, the Umno members cornered them and accused them of trying to kidnap young children.

"Four volunteers were then picked up by the police who arrived at the scene later," he said, adding that the other two managed to slip away.

The four, identified as Nanthakumar Panisalbon, 24; Gopal Dass Manoharan, 26; Shamsudin Yusof, 30; and Gurmit Singh, 31, were then detained at the Jalan Travers Police Station, Kuala Lumpur.

Long wait finally ends

Nurul Izzah and Batu MP Tian Chua arrived at the police station in the afternoon and got the volunteers released at 6.16pm, according to an SMS from Fahmi.

NONEUpset by the second of such arrests within a week, Nurul Izzah (right) decried the Umno's members' behaviour as "acts of intimidation".

"It handicaps an MP's work. I must be given space to do my work.

"It is very unbecoming. We condemn the various allegations from Umno members that are baseless and malicious in nature," she said.

Earlier this week, police arrested two PKR volunteers on suspicion of impersonating Election Commission officers when conducting a survey at a mosque in Pantai Dalam.

The survey, according to Fahmi, was designed to foster deeper understanding between constituents and their parliamentarian.

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