

## **SB 'threatens' ISA detainees with longer detentions**

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Two Internal Security Act detainees refused to entertain lawyers who visited them at the Kamunting Detention Camp yesterday following alleged threats of longer detention by Special Branch (SB) officers.

Lawyer Afiq M Noor said one of the detainees, Fadzullah Abdul Razak, told him that the SB officers had threatened to extend the detention period of detainees who spoke to the lawyers.

Two sibling held under the ISA had initially refused to speak to Afiq and three other lawyers when they met at the detention camp.

However, one of them later changed his mind and briefly talked to them.

Afiq (*right*) was visiting the duo as part of the Abolish the ISA Movement (GMI) delegation which includes counsel Edmund Bon, New Sin Yew and Chen Yen Hui.

They were at the detention camp to investigate reports that nine detainees were on hunger strike to back their demand for freedom.

"They looked fine, but tired," said Afiq of the detainees.

Thus far, one detainee, Razali Kassar, has ended his strike on being hospitalised.

Afiq said his group was unable to meet Razali, but was informed that the detainee was sent back to Kamunting after being given food.

Last Saturday, two detainees began a fresh hunger strike following an earlier one in May.

They were soon joined by seven other detainees on Tuesday.

### Solitary confinement

Afiq added that four detainees are currently being held in solitary confinement.

Fadzullah has been in isolation for the past two months, but the other three were only separated from the rest when they went on their hunger strike.

They are Sri Lankan national Anthony Sackarayas Natkuman, Razali and another unnamed detainee.

"We will discuss with GMI and the families of the detainees to decide on the next step," said Afiq, adding that they now had papers indicating the grounds of detention for the detainees.

"Most of the grounds were involvement in human trafficking and terrorism," he said, adding that

there was no evidence in all the cases.

The group is calling for the release of all ISA detainees following the passing of the Security Offences Bill (Special Measures) 2012, meant to supplant the ISA, on May 9 by the Dewan Negara.

A number of the detainees have complained of Guantanamo-style tortures upon their arrest.

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