

Johor sultan in limelight again over heritage issue
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After the controversial bidding for the WWW 1 car number, the Johor sultan is back in the limelight with 30 individuals lodging a police report yesterday against a blogger for his articles on how the ruler dealt with the heritage of the late Johor sultan.

According to a Bernama report, the report was lodged at the Sentral police station in Johor Bahru yesterday against blogger Syed Abdullah Hussein Al-Attas, who is a paranormal practitioner.

The 30 claimed that the articles posted by Syed Abdullah in his blog, Uncleseekers contain provocation, sedition and insulting content against the Johor ruler Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the crown prince, leaders and government servants of the state government.

Khairil Azlishah Jalil, 32, a businessperson who represented the complainants, demanded that the blog be closed as it has published confidential documents.

"As Johor people, we are loyal to the Sultan Ibrahim as constitutional monarch. We are not happy with the allegations and sedition which can split the Johor people and (jeopardise) the harmony of the state.

"We do not represent any party or NGO. We found that the content in the blog is increasingly rampant, therefore we want the police to investigate," Bernama quotes Khairil as saying.

The blogger has to date published 60 articles in Malay on the topic of "Sultan Johor Atau Kerabatnya?" (Johor Sultan or his relatives?) including some documents that are said to expose the controversy surrounding the heritage of the late Sultan Iskandar ibni Almarhum Sultan Ismail.

Sultan Iskandar died in 2010 and was succeeded by his son, Sultan Ibrahim.

The articles also referred to a lawyer who had claimed that a member of the Johor palace has issued death threats against him.

The lawyer, Kamal Hisham Jaafar, who is alleged to have embezzled RM660,000 from a Johor-based company, has fled the country.

He has said that he could not return to answer the allegation for fear of his life, after having received five death threats since last year.