

## **PKR-linked blogger remanded under OSA**

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Police last night detained PKR-linked blogger Milo Suam, under probe for allegedly leaking the content of a classified police document on his blog last March.

The blogger, whose real name is Yusuf Al Siddiqi, was picked up when at a shopping mall at Setia Alam near Shah Alam and brought to the PKR headquarters in Tropicana at about 10.30pm, where the police took possession of some items.

"I'm not certain, but I understand he is being probed under the Official Secrets Act," said PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim when asked today during a press conference at PKR headquarters.

According to him, the blogger is to be remanded for three days and will not be able to operate until after the polls.

However, Utusan Online has reported that according to Commercial CID director Syed Ismail Syed Azizan, the blogger, aged 29, is being remanded for two days from today.

Meanwhile, Lawyers for Liberty director Eric Paulsen said he, along with lawyer New Sin Yew had just met the blogger, who is the alleged administrator of the site, at the Dang Wangi police station.

Paulsen revealed police are investigating the administrator on a security matter in Sabah under Section 8 of the Official Secrets Act 1972 (OSA).

"This is over a posting he allegedly made entitled 'Maklumat sulit: Pendatang asing bakal cetus huru hara di Sabah?'"

In the posting, Milo Suam is said to have leaked a classified police document pertaining to security affairs in Sabah.

While it is not clear exactly when the posting was made, the first comments appeared on the blog seven weeks ago.

Those convicted under the Section 8 of the Act face a punishment of between one to seven years' jail.

Eric said Yusuf is fine and police have obtained a remand order against him.

He said although the police is investigating the case under the OSA, he noted that several police reports were also filed against the blogger for a posting he made on early voters.

Previously, it was reported that the blogger was being investigated for public mischief and spreading false information.

Syed Ismail had said its Integrated Media Action Plan unit is investigating a blog that had claimed policemen had voted earlier than scheduled.

Utusan also today reported that Yusuf was brought in to facilitate investigations on two articles and a picture which appeared on his blog - one on an official police document to Ops Daulat, and another alleging police personnel had voted earlier than the stipulated date.

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