

Student activist's workplace raided

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Student activist Adam Adli's workplace, Radio Bangsar Utama, was raided by plainclothes officers around 4pm today in a random search exercise of his belongings.

adam adli raid 190513The 24-year-old was handcuffed and brought into the office in Bangsar Utama, where he stays, before searching his place.

Adam's friend Mandeep Singh, who witnessed the search, said the police were looking for Adam's computer, but he does not own one.

The cops left after the 25-minute raid without confiscating anything from the office or from Adam's car.

Adam (left) was arrested yesterday and is currently being investigated under both the Sedition Act and the Penal Code. He has been remanded for five days.

Some of Adam's friends who were in the office managed to feed him a bit of food and water because he looked exhausted.

He is currently being held at the Jinjang police station lock up, and is being probed over his remarks made during a public forum on May 13, where he had urged the rakyat to stage a massive street rally to protest electoral fraud.

His lawyer Eric Paulsen later told Malaysiakini that the police do have powers to carry out random searches without having to obtain a warrant.

adam adli raid 190513Adam's father Abdul Halim Abdul Hamid, a 52-year-old retiree who had come down from Penang to offer moral support to his son, said that he is proud of what his son has done.

"If no parents are willing to start it, let family be the first. We have never stopped him. We have encouraged him," he said.

However, Abdul Halim said that Adam was not trying to threaten national security with his comments.

"We are only seeking our freedom to speech, we are demanding our rights as

rakyat," he said, before brooding that democracy is "dead" in the country.

"Democracy goes beyond what we say and what is being written," he added.

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