

## **DAP MP arrested as PPS crackdown continues**

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DAP's Tanjong MP Ng Wei Aik has been arrested by the police as the crackdown on the Penang Voluntary Patrol Unit (PPS) continued today.

Ng is deputy commander of the PPS.

He was arrested at 1pm today at the Patani Road district police headquarters in Penang, for violating the Societies Act 1966, after he arrived to give a statement.

Ng was called to be present at the police station at 12.30pm to have a statement recorded before he was arrested.

He was released on police bail around 6.50pm and left the police station together with Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, lawyer Ramkarpal Singh and Air Itam State assemblyman Wong Hon Wai.

According to Ramkarpal, two statements were taken from Ng under Section 43 of the Societies Act over his involvement in PPS.

"He needs to report back to police station on Oct 3."

PPS just like village committee

However, Ng would ask for a postponement as he is due abroad on Oct 3.

Ng, who spent seven hours at the police district headquarters, said the police officers were polite.

"They asked about my involvement in PPS as deputy chairman or commander, the questions are similar to what they asked to Phee few days ago.

"I just clarified to them that PPS is a government body like JKKK (village security and development committee) and JKKKP (federal village security and development committee) which formed by federal government," he said.

Penang executive councillor Phee Boon Poh, who is the chairperson for PPS, was arrested along with 155 PPS members

Phee (right), along with 155 other PPS members, had already been arrested after attending the state Merdeka Parade at the Esplanade on Sunday, before they were released on police bail on Monday.

The police are cracking down on PPS following Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar's declaration that PPS as illegal as it is not registered with the Registrar of Societies.

Timur Laut district police chief ACP Mior Faridalatrash Wahid later confirmed with reporters that Ng was detained under Section 43 of the Societies Act 1966.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Lim said that the Penang government will stand firm against the crackdown and let the court decided on the matter.

"He (the Inspectory-general of Police) said he follows the law, then we let the court to decide."

He added that he is still waiting for the IGP to respond to his invitation to openly debate on the PPS legality.

"But we don't know how many more leaders will be called up by the IGP."