

'AG must be fair and hold all sedition cases'

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DAP has called on the attorney-general (AG) to hold all prosecutions under the Sedition Act following today's court decision to postpone Isma president's Abdullah Zaik's trial today.

DAP Puchong MP Gobind Singh Deo in a statement today said the AG should consider directing all prosecutions under the Sedition Act to be stayed pending the outcome of Universiti Malaya lecturer Azmi Sharom's constitutional challenge.

He said this following the court's decision today to do so with Abdullah's case citing Azmi's upcoming challenge.

"The position should be the same with all trials pending under the Sedition Act.

"There should be equality and if the public prosecutor did not object in this case, there is no reason for other cases involving the same charge to be put to trial either," Gobind asserted.

The Puchong MP and Selangor DAP deputy chief pointed out that all ongoing sedition cases would be nullified should Azmi succeed in his High Court application.

Today it was reported that the Kajang Sessions judge had allowed a postponement of the sedition trial of Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia's (Isma) president Abdullah Zaik to Dec 22, pending the outcome of Azmi's application.

Others who had been charged with sedition include Padang Serai MP N Surendran, Seri Delima assemblyperson RSN Rayer, Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad, and preacher Wan Ji Wan Hussain.

They are awaiting trial. Surendran has also filed two separate applications challenging the constitutionality of the Sedition Act.

Azmi's hearing for the constitutional challenge has been fixed for Nov 5 at the KL High Court.