

Police to quiz Dr M over 'rulers under house arrest' remark tomorrow
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The police are scheduled to record a statement from Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow over his remark that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Malay rulers are under house arrest.

A source told *Malaysiakini* that officers from the Bukit Aman police headquarters would question the former prime minister at Yayasan Albukhary in Kuala Lumpur at 3pm.

The officers are from a special team that handles high-profile cases.

The case is believed to have been classified as defamation, where Section 500 of the Penal Code states that "whoever defames another shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine or with both".

Last week, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) advisory board chairperson Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim filed a police report against Mahathir.

Among others, Tunku Aziz claimed the remark on the royalty was reckless and against the honour and integrity of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

"Mahathir claims the house arrests were done to prevent His Majesty and the rulers from receiving the 1.4 million people's signatures he claims to have collected.

"By effectively accusing the government of placing His Majesty under house arrest, Mahathir has gone too far," Tunku Aziz said in his report.

Mahathir had made the startling claim during a dialogue session in Subang Jaya.

Earlier, the former prime minister revealed that he was unable to secure an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to submit the signatures collected for the Citizens' Declaration.

"But as of now I've not been able to meet the Agong because it's likely that he's under house arrest.

"The rulers may be confined to their palaces," Mahathir had said.

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