

Matthias Chang admitted to hospital
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Matthias Chang, who opted to go to jail rather than pay a fine for contempt-of-court, was admitted to the Serdang Hospital today after going on a hunger strike.

matthias chang ibrahim ali police report 260608 02A spokesman at the hospital said Chang (right) was admitted to the emergency ward at 11.59am before being transferred to the normal ward at 1.12pm.

The former political secretary of Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's fourth prime minister, was reported to have gone hunger strike after he was brought to the Kajang Prison to serve a month's jail in default on April, following his refusal to pay the RM20,000 fine for the contempt offence.

According to a statement posted on Chang's website on Saturday, Chang had stated that he would persist with his hunger strike until Judge Noor Azian Shaari stopped her alleged bias in her dealings with litigants and the authorities involved agreed to review legislation concerning punishment for contempt-of-court (Order 52 of the Rules of the High Court 1980).

Chang, 60, was cited for contempt on March 25 when he refused to apologise after a spat with Noor Azian and a lawyer during cross-examination in his breach of contract and defamation suit against American Express (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

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