

Suhakam: Police not mistreating Benjy
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The Human Rights Commission (Suhakam) has established that actor Khaeryll Benjamin Ibrahim @ Benjy "does not show any signs of mistreatment by police".

rela rape 070907 n siva subramaniam Commissioner N Siva Subramaniam (left) also said that Benjy, the son of veteran actress Azean Irdawathy, is in good health and does not display any signs of depression.

His comments were made after a meeting with Benjy at the Bukit Jalil remand centre yesterday, where the latter is being held in relation to an alleged drug offence.

"Benjy is being provided with proper meals and medicines for his asthma and high blood pressure. He said the police are treating him really well," said Siva Subramaniam.

Suhakam will, however, look into his right to legal assistance, as he has only been allowed to meet his lawyer for brief moments.

Siva Subramaniam also said the commission will write to the home minister, to state its findings from the visit. It will also forward several proposals regarding Benjy's detention, as raised by both his family and human rights watchdog Suaram.

Suhakam's visit was carried out following the submission of a memorandum by Suaram, condemning what it deems to be "unlawful detention" of Benjy.

The actor had earlier been denied contact with lawyers, with the police stating that "legal access is not applicable in the case".

NONE Last Thursday, his lawyer Amer Hamzah Arshad had filed a habeas corpus application at the Kuala Lumpur High Court.

Benjy (with his mother in photo) was charged in the Kuala Lumpur Magistrate's Court with possession of 0.24g of methamphetamine (syabu).

He was re-arrested on March 25, minutes after being freed on bail of RM2,000 with one surety.

He has since been detained under Section 3 of the Dangerous Drugs Act (Special Preventive Measures) 1985.