



**Kim Quek's book banned
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The Home Ministry has issued a ban order against the book 'The March to Putrajaya - Malaysia's New Era is at Hand', for inciting hatred against the constitution.

The ministry's secretary-general Mahmood Adam said the book, written by author Kim Quek, is "not suitable for general reading".

He said the book contained elements of "baseless accusations and speculations" against national leaders and could incite public hatred and anger.

"Contents of the book has been banned because of the accusations against leaders while it may also incite hatred and anger among the people.

"If allowed to publish it can also be detrimental to public safety," he said in a statement today.

The printing, importing, publishing, reprint, sell, distribute or offer to sell or in possession of such books is an offence punishable under the law, he said.

Mahmood added that the 361-page book had twisted facts and incites hatred against the constitution of the country, according to *Bernama*.

On Aug 19, Chua Seong Khoon, a representative of the book's distributor Gerak Budaya, said that some copies of The March to Putrajaya were seized by the authorities from a Popular Bookstore outlet in Kuantan Megamall, Pahang.

A week later, publishing firm Oriengroup Sdn Bhd executive director Low Chee Chong was questioned by police at his office in Cheras in relation to the book.

"Three police officers from Bukit Aman came to my office and they questioned me under Section 112 (of the Criminal Procedure Code as a witness)," said Low.

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