

Malaysiakini booted from Umno AGM media room
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Malaysiakini was asked to leave the media room of the Umno annual general assembly for not possessing press passes issued by the party's secretariat.



Its team of eight journalists were told they were not allowed to use media room facilities by one of the secretariat's officers.

This was despite being told that Umno secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor had promised *Malaysiakini* press passes during an exclusive interview on Oct 5.

“Any one with out tags

are not allowed in the media centre,” said the officer, adding that *Malaysiakini* was also barred from entering any of the halls where the assembly is taking place.

The officer claimed that his orders came directly from the party secretary-general.

Following the eviction, four auxiliary police officers were stationed outside the media room to ensure that only those with press tags are permitted to go inside.



Khairy to look into the matter

Efforts to contact Tengku Adnan had been futile, but Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said on *Twitter* that he would look into the matter.

The media room facilities includes tables, monitors with the assembly proceedings and electrical sockets required to file reports.



Malaysiakini had been using such facilities for several years without interruption despite being denied media passes upon each application.

Its reporters are currently filing reports sitting on the floor of one of Putra World Trade Centre's many hallways.

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