

**Logging camp incident: DAP MP wants urgent debate in Dewan
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KUCHING - DAP MP for Kuching Chong Chieng Jen (*picture*) submitted an emergency motion to the Dewan Rakyat which called for a debate after the arrest of seven people including an activist in Sebangau, Semujau last week.

Chong told Malaysian Mirror that the Emergency Motion was submitted under Standing Order 18(1) which states that the issue concerned is in the public's interest.

On Oct 20, Nicholas Mujan and six others were arrested for allegedly setting up a fire in a timber camp in Sebuyau.

It was claimed that the fire had destroyed the timber camp and equipments worth over RM2 million.

Previously on Oct 15, Chong had also said that the group with other longhouse folk had set up a blockade in the area to stop the camp's operation in transporting timber logs.

The protestors have said that the timber camp had violated the Dayak's rights to their land as it was operating on land gazetted under Native Customary Rights.

The timber campsite belonging to Royal Billion Sdn Bhd was alleged be linked to Raziah Mahmud, sister of the Sarawak chief minister, whose role is said to be one of the non executive directors.

Chong alleged that the company had made millions of ringgits and each worker and his family received RM250 per month.

The seven people arrested have since been released on police bail for RM1000.

They are to report to the police station one month later after their release on Monday.

State CID chief, senior assistant commissioner of police, Huzir Mohd said the case is still under investigation and they would be charged for arson.

Police are currently waiting for the investigation and forensic report to be sent to the senior federal counsel before actions are taken.

Meanwhile, See Chee How, who is the lawyer representing all the seven people, has condemned the accusation as far-fetched.

See claimed that one of them was not in Semujau while the rest were at the roadblock which is four kilometres from the camp.

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