

Terengganu MB To Sue PAS State Assemblyman Over School Uniform Allegation
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KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said said he would take legal action against Batu Buruk assemblyman Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi for tarnishing his and the state's reputation over allegations of fraud involving school uniform aid totaling RM28.47 million.

"He alleged we had committed fraud in the awarding of a three-year contract worth almost RM10 million each year to a company which was exempted from the tender process.

"It was clear in the Auditor-General's Report that the contract was only for one year, in 2009, and the value was only RM7.995 million and not RM10 million as claimed," he said, during his winding-up speech on the 2012 Budget today, the final day of the assembly sitting.

Ahmad who is also the Kijal state assemblyman, said the allegation was published in Syed Azman's column, 'Ganu Kite' by PAS' mouthpiece, Harakah in its November 11-13 edition.

"It is a deliberate lie because the school uniforms were supplied only in 2009 while in 2007, 2008 and 2010 the aid was given in cash. I have already contacted my lawyer," he stressed.

Ahmad said he and the state government would be the plaintiffs in the defamation suit which would name Syed Azman, Harakah, Harakah's chairman and publisher and others involved, as defendants.

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