

Chegubard blames PKR rivals for arrest over 'fake' Twitter post
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 28 — PKR Rembau division chief Badrul Hisham Shaharin has blamed "enemies from within PKR" for his arrest yesterday over allegedly seditious posts on what he claims is a "fake" Twitter account.

Badrul, who also leads the youth movement Solidariti Anak Muda Malaysia (SAMM), said on his personal account on the micro-blogging site that he was freed on bail last night after "Umno lodged a police report in Ampang over a AMK Rembau Twitter account said to insult the royalty."

"This AMK Rembau account was set up during party polls by those who wanted to disgrace me.

"This is the evil political strategy within PKR. I am confident this is by enemies within PKR itself," he said on his @chegubard account, referring to the fractious elections late last year where he lost in the AMK (Youth wing) chief contest.

A check on Google shows a result for twitter.com/amk_rembau but the account appears to have been deleted.

Badrul, who lost the Rembau federal seat to Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin in Election 2008, could not be reached by telephone.

He said on Twitter that police confiscated his Blackberry smartphone and also tried to seize his and the division's computers.

Rembau PKR Youth chief Md Sani Mohd Shah also denied operating the AMK Rembau account, stating that it was set up to confuse the public and denigrate the division.

"The account has been seen making lewd comments and making inappropriate statements since it was set up.

"We warn those behind the AMK Rembau account to stop their dirty politics. You have won in the party polls, so do the work. Don't blame Chegubard and his friends if you have failed to do so," he said in a press statement.

Chegubard was one of several disgruntled contestants who claimed the PKR polls were rigged.

He wrote to party president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail demanding an investigation into claims of vote rigging involving de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

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