

**Mat Sabu's 'communist' suit against Utusan struck out**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6 — The High Court here struck out today Mohamad Sabu's suit against Umno's Utusan Malaysia for allegedly defaming him in articles concerning the PAS deputy president's statements on the 1950 Bukit Kepong tragedy.

Justice John Louis O'Hara, in ruling in favour of the newspaper, said the suit was frivolous and an abuse of the court process and ordered Mohamad (picture) to pay costs of RM5,000.

Mohamad, better known as Mat Sabu, had filed the suit on September 14 after the Malay daily wrote on August 27 that he had called the communist terrorists who attacked the Bukit Kepong police station "heroes".

He has also been charged in a Sessions Court in Penang with criminal defamation against policemen and their family members who defended themselves against the communist guerillas at the Bukit Kepong police station on February 23, 1950.

Mohamad has claimed trial to the charge under section 500 of the Penal Code.

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