

Mat Sabu on police bail
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 — Mohamad Sabu was arrested by police in Penang this evening over his remarks on the 1950 Bukit Kepong tragedy.

The PAS deputy president had presented himself at the state police headquarters at 8.30pm before being released on bail half an hour later.

He is due to be charged in the Butterworth Sessions Court tomorrow with criminal defamation after being accused of glorifying communist guerrillas who attacked the Bukit Kepong police station in a pre-independence attack.

Umno's Utusan Malaysia had first accused the maverick politician (picture) of glorifying Ahmad Indera in an August 27 report that quoted Mohamad as saying that the communist leader was a true hero.

Twenty-five policemen were killed in the attack on the Bukit Kepong police station in 1950.

The daily and Malay hardliners in Umno have repeatedly called for Mohamad to be charged over the comment with some even insisting that the PAS leader be stripped of his citizenship.

Mohamad denies glorifying communists, saying he never mentioned "communism" in his speech.

If found guilty of the offence under Section 500 of the Penal Code, Mohamad faces up to two years in jail and/or a fine.

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