

**Guan Eng apologises to Johor Sultan**  
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GEORGE TOWN, Sept 30 — Lim Guan Eng apologised today for offending the Sultan of Johor, stating out that he had no intention of discrediting the state.

The Penang chief minister insisted however that his statements were misrepresented by the Barisan Nasional-controlled media.

“Out of respect to the Johor Sultan, I wish to fully apologise. I have no intention whatsoever to discredit Johor or any other state,” the DAP secretary-general said in a statement today.

Lim (picture) had allegedly said during a luncheon talk with the Foreign Correspondents Association in Singapore on August 12 that Singaporeans would likely get “kidnapped” in Johor.

Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar said in an interview with the New Straits Times that he was offended by Lim’s remarks but did not “want to react, because as a Ruler, I shouldn’t be dragged into politics.”

But the Bagan MP said “I feel that what I had said has been misrepresented by the BN-controlled media. I will pursue this matter in court to determine the truth.”

He pointed out that to date, except for a “purported tape by TV3,” there has been no press report of what he had said “privately in a closed-door session.”

Lim also said he has instructed his lawyers to immediately sue the BN-controlled press beginning with state news agency Bernama.

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