

Threat against PM: USM student out on police bail
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GEORGE TOWN, Jan 16 — The Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) student who allegedly posted a threatening message against the prime minister has been freed on police bail.

Penang police chief Datuk Ayub Yaakob said the student had been released for a month to allow him to sit for his examination.

“He is a fourth-year engineering student and is sitting for his examination,” Ayub was quoted as saying by Bernama.

According to Ayub, the student admitted posting the message on his social media web page and claimed that it was a joke.

The student, 24, allegedly posted a message saying that the helicopter carrying the prime minister for a visit to the university next week would be bombed.

He was arrested at 1.30pm yesterday.

“It’s not that we want to stop freedom of speech but as a responsible Malaysian, he should not have abused the freedom and the Internet to cause trouble and anger others.

“This is a serious matter and cannot be regarded as a joke; it involves the safety of a national leader and the public in general,” Ayub was quoted as saying by Bernama.

He said so far three police reports had been lodged against the student.

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