

DAP rep Thomas Su to be charged over 'illegal' Ipoh rally
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 24 — The DAP's Thomas Su is to be charged with organising an "illegal" rally in Ipoh next week, joining a growing band of opposition figures to face court action in the wake of the May 5 polls."

Su (picture), whose name was listed as the organiser of the post-election rally at the Chin Woo Association Hall in the Perak state capital on May 9, is to be charged under section 9(1) of the Peaceful Assembly Act (PAA) 2012 for failing to give the police 10 days' notice, he told The Malaysian Insider when contacted.

"I'm the first from DAP to be charged under the new crackdown," he said over the phone, sounding cheerful despite the potential loss of his lawmaker badge if found guilty.

If convicted under section 9(5) of the PAA, Su could be fined up to RM10,000, which could see the Ipoh Timor MP losing his seat.

Su had first tweeted that he would be charged shortly after 1pm today, but told The Malaysian Insider he has not received the summons yet.

"The IO called me about half an hour ago to inform me he will be serving the summons on me today," he said, referring to the police investigation officer he named as Inspector Atlin.

"I told him I'm on my way to Sitiawan and that he didn't have to worry about serving the summons as I will turn up at the Ipoh Sessions Court at 9am on Monday, but he said he will serve it to me in Sitiawan," he added.

Screencap of Su's tweets today. PKR's communications chief Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad was the first Pakatan Rakyat (PR) politician to be charged in an apparent security crackdown after the 13th general election.

The Seri Setia assemblyman claimed trial on May 17 when he was charged in the Petaling Jaya Sessions Court for violating the conditions of the PAA in organising the giant rally at the Kelana Jaya stadium in Petaling Jaya on May 8.

PKR's Batu MP Chua Tian Chang, PAS politician Tamrin Ghafar and activist Haris Ibrahim were arrested yesterday and taken to the Jinjang police station here for interrogation on sedition claims. They are also being investigated under the Penal Code but charges have yet to be filed against them.

A university student activist, Adam Adli Abdul Halim, was also charged with sedition yesterday, and faces up to three years behind bars and a RM5,000 fine if convicted.

The opposition has accused the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) government, which lost the popular vote at the polls, of abusing the laws to clamp down on fundamental liberties in a reminder of the 1987 security crackdown.

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