

Seven charged for KL Black 505 rally
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Politicians Rafizi Ramli (pic), Anthony Loke Siew Fook and student activist Adam Adli were among seven people who were charged with failing to comply with conditions under the Peaceful Assembly Act in organising the Black 505 rally at Padang Merbok last month.

Loke, who is the Seremban MP and Rafizi, the Pandan MP, and Pakatan Rakyat secretariat member, Mohamad Adib Ishar, were slapped with one count of failing to comply with conditions set out by Dang Wangi OCPD ACP Zainuddin Ahmad to get permission from the Kuala Lumpur City Hall to use Padang Merbok for the rally, and an alternative charge of failing to give the police 10 days notification prior to the rally, as required.

The three, as the event organisers, claimed trial at the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court to committing the offence at Padang Merbok in Jalan Parlimen between 2pm and 6pm on June 22.

While Rafizi claimed the charge brought today was politically motivated, both Loke and he will have a lot to lose as a conviction under Section 15(3) of the PAA 2012, will see them being fined a maximum RM10,000.

They could be disqualified as MPs as election laws state that any lawmaker who is fined RM2,000 and above for any offence would be automatically disqualified.

Meanwhile, Adam and three other activists - Ehsan Bukharee Badarul Hisham, Safwan Anang and Bukhairi Sufian - were charged with gathering at places of worship at Masjid AR Rahman at Universiti Malaya between 12.30pm and 1.15pm on June 22.

They are the first few to be charged over the Black 505 rally, which was held to express their dissatisfaction with the results of the 13th General Election held on May 5, claiming fraud and irregularities. - July 24, 2013.

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