

**Cow head dumped at 'Umno celaka' rep's house**  
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A bloodied and skinned cow's head was found this morning at the home of R.S.N. Rayer, the DAP lawmaker who courted controversy over his "Umno celaka" remark.

Rayer said his wife alerted him to the incident where she found the head at the front gate of their house.

"It was at 6.45am when she saw it. It was all bloodied and skinned," Rayer told The Malaysian Insider.

But the Seri Delima assemblyman did not link this incident to his infamous remark at the Penang legislative assembly last month.

"I cannot say that this has to do with that... but this (the cow head) is the first such incident I have encountered since then.

"I am going to lodge a police report shortly and let them investigate," said Rayer.

The cow is deemed sacred in Hinduism, and Rayer and his family are Hindus.

Rayer caused a stir when he made the "Umno celaka" remark in his motion to Penang Governor Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Tun Dr Abdul Rahman Abbas' opening speech on May 20.

A protest against him was held outside the assembly building the next day.

The protesters, who had identified themselves as Umno Youth members, reportedly broke through the main gate and entered the House, which is a restricted area, in search of Rayer.

Federal Territory Umno Youth members also protested outside the DAP headquarters in Kuala Lumpur on May 22. The following day saw the DAP's office in Kuantan being pelted with eggs.

Since the incident, Rayer clarified in a press conference on May 22 that his remark was only directed at three Umno leaders in Penang who had made fiery speeches against the DAP at a rally in Seberang Jaya in January.

The Umno leaders were Kepala Batas MP Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Tasek Gelugor MP Shabudin Yahya and state Umno liaison committee deputy chairman Datuk Musa Sheikh Fadzir.

Rayer was to have been charged with sedition last week over the remark, but the Attorney-General (A-G) had ordered the prosecutors to defer his case on the morning of the charge.

But the same day saw the 15 men who had trespassed into the Penang legislative assembly in search of Rayer on May 21 jointly charged under Section 448 of the Penal Code for intruding and trespassing.

They pleaded not guilty.

If convicted, they are liable to a maximum three-year jail term or a maximum fine of RM5,000 or both.

This is also not the first time a cow's head has been used in protest against a Hindu.

In July 27, 2010, a man was jailed a week and fined RM3,000 for being part of a controversial protest in Shah Alam, Selangor.

Eyzva Ezhar Ramly, 31 was charged under the Section 4 (1) (a) of the Sedition Act 1948 for "inciting racial animosity with carrying a cow head" along with the another accused, Mohd Azmir Mohd Zain.

Azmir was also charged under the same act for carrying and stepping on a cow head with "the intention to create racial tension".

Azmir was fined RM3,000, while ten others were also fined RM1,000 each for illegal assembly.

The 12 brought a cow's head to the gate of the Selangor state secretariat building on August 28, 2009, to protest the construction of a temple in their predominantly Malay-Muslim neighbourhood in Shah Alam.

They were protesting the relocation of a 150-year-old Sri Maha Mariamman Hindu temple from Section 19 to their neighbourhood in Section 23. – June 28, 2014.

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