

1MDB critic files suit to challenge detention under Sosma
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Sacked Umno leader Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan has filed a habeas corpus application, citing that his arrest and detention under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (Sosma) is unlawful.

Lawyer Mohamed Hanif Khatri Abdulla said the court papers were filed in the Kuala Lumpur High Court registry this afternoon.

Khairuddin had named Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar and the government as respondents to the application.

The sacked Umno Batu Kawan deputy chief was arrested on Wednesday under Sosma.

One of state investment vehicle 1Malaysia Development Berhad's (1MDB) staunchest critics, Khairuddin was first arrested at his home in Mont Kiara on September 18.

Earlier the same day, he and his lawyer Matthias Chang were barred from leaving the country by Immigration officers at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Khalid had said Khairuddin had been detained as his move to use foreign enforcement agencies to put pressure on Malaysia over the 1MDB issue could be deemed as an act of sabotage.

Khairuddin first lodged a police report against 1MDB in December last year and was subsequently sacked from Umno after being declared a bankrupt.

He lodged reports with authorities in Hong Kong, Switzerland, France and the United Kingdom against the troubled firm, of which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is advisory board chairman.

It was reported that he was on his way to meet Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officials in the United States when he was barred.

He was remanded for six days after the arrest on September 18 and on Wednesday was rearrested under Sosma as he was leaving a courtroom at the Jalan Duta court complex where a magistrate had released him.

Under Sosma, a person can be detained without trial for up to 29 days. – September 28, 2015.

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