

Khairuddin, Chang file revision to challenge validity of charge under Sosma
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Lawyers for Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan and Matthias Chang have filed criminal revision before a High Court to decide if the charge against them for attempted sabotage of the economy can be tried under an anti-terrorism law.

Lawyer Muhammad Rafique Rashid Ali said the matter had been fixed before Datuk Azman Husin.

"We rushing now to court because the registrar has fixed the case on urgent basis," he told The Malaysian Insider.

The lawyer said Section 124L of the Penal Code did not fall within the ambit of security offences and as such did not qualify it to be tried under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act (Sosma).

He said the charge which solely named Section 124L of the Penal Code did not make mention of Sosma.

Therefore, both the accused were entitled to bail.

Khairuddin and Chang were charged today in the magistrate's court with attempting to sabotage the Malaysian economy and the country's financial and banking system.

They are accused of committing the offence in France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Singapore, between June 28 and August 26 this year.

Their conviction under the Penal Code carries a jail term of up to 15 years, but procedures under Sosma will be used instead of the Evidence Act as this is not considered a normal criminal proceeding. – October 12, 2015.

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