

Cases under 1948 Sedition Act documented by ICJ in 2015

No.	Name	Profile	Date of investigation	Date of arrest	Date of charge	Date of conviction	Provision & Act	Details
1.	Hishamuddin Rais	Activist			28/5/13	9/1/15	s.4(1)(b) of Sedition Act	Hishamuddin was found guilty and fined RM5,000 for uttering "seditious comments" after urging popular demonstrations to topple the government, during a forum at the Kuala Lumpur Chinese Assembly Hall on 13 May 2013.
2.	Wilson Chow	IT operator	7/1/15				s.4(1)(b) of Sedition Act	Wilson was interviewed at the Serdang police station in relation to an allegedly seditious comment posted on his Facebook page.
3.	Eric Paulsen	Lawyer and co-founder of Lawyers for Liberty		12/1/15	5/2/15		s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Investigations are based on a 9 January 2015 statement on his Twitter account saying: "Jakim is promoting extremism every Friday" The Sessions Court has fixed 27 April 2015 to hear his case (if a constitutional challenge to the law brought by Azmi Sharom is not successful). The court also set RM2,000 (US\$551) as bail.
4.	Ko Chung Sen	Kampar Member of Parliament	16/1/15				Sedition Act	Chung Sen was questioned at the Bukit Aman police headquarters regarding a statement on teaching Islamic civilization in universities.
5.	Jemmy Liku Markus Ratu	Political activist and volunteer for Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia		1/2/15	16/3/15		s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations and charges are for possession of materials allegedly seditious as they were promoting Sabah's secession from the federation. The Sessions Court has set 18 to 22 May 2015 for trial.

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6.	Erick Jack William	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15	16/3/15		s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations and charges are for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation. The Sessions Court has set 18 to 22 May 2015 for trial.
7.	Joseph Kolis	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15	16/3/15		s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations and charges are for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation. The Sessions Court has set 18 to 22 May 2015 for trial.
8.	Azrie Situ	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15	16/3/15		s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations and charges are for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation. The Sessions Court has set 18 to 22 May 2015 for trial.
9.	Anonymous	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15			s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations were for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation.
10.	Anonymous	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15			s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations were for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation.
11.	Anonymous	Political activist		1/2/15			s.4(2) of	Investigations were for possession

		and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)					Sedition Act	of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation.
12.	Anonymous	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15			s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations were for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation.
13.	Anonymous	Political activist and volunteer for <i>Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia</i> (SSKM)		1/2/15			s.4(2) of Sedition Act	Investigations were for possession of pamphlets allegedly promoting Sabah's secession from the federation.
14.	Zulkiflee SM Anwar Ulhaque @ Zunar	Cartoonist		10/2/15	3/3/15		s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	<p>Charges (9 counts under Sedition Act) were based on 9 Twitter comments he made on 10 February 2015 concerning the Federal Court's decision in Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy II decision, one of which said: "Those in the black robes were proud when passing sentence. The rewards from their political masters must be lucrative."</p> <p>During the hearing before the Sessions Court, Prosecution asked for the 9 charges to be tried together, but also requested that maximum bail per charge (RM5,000 or US\$1,379) be considered</p>

								<p>separately. The Defence asked that all 9 charges be tried separately to avoid prejudice and pointed out that the request for separate bail contradicts the request to have all 9 charges tried together.</p> <p>The Sessions Court decided that the charges will be heard in a single trial and bail was set at RM22,500 or US\$6,200 (RM2,500 x 9). If found guilty, he could face a maximum of 43 years imprisonment.</p> <p>The next case management is 20 May 2015.</p>
15.	Anonymous	Student from University Selangor		18/2/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Investigations were based on a banner posted on Facebook, which advertised a plan to set off firecrackers/explosives at each and every court throughout Malaysia at 11.40pm on 18 February 2015.
16.	Anonymous	Student from University Sains Malaysia		18/2/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Investigations were based on a banner posted on Facebook, which advertised a plan to set off firecrackers/explosives at each and every court throughout Malaysia at 11.40pm on 18 February 2015.
17.	S.Arutchelvan	Secretary-General of Socialist Party		19/2/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Investigations were based on a statement written by Arutchelvan and published online entitled "Malaysian socialists condemn bogus guilty verdict on Anwar Ibrahim". In the article, he had commented that the courts are not independent and politically driven.

18.	Lawrence Jayaraj	Activist		20/2/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Lawrence was investigated over a Facebook posting where he had commented on Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy II verdict.
19.	Nga Kor Ming	Taiping Member of Parliament	23/2/2015				s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Investigations followed a comment concerning the Federal Court decision on Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy II decision, which read: "Rakyat berdoa untuk DS Anwar tetapi tidak kesampaian. Sudah tiba masa rakyat menentang rejim yang Zalim." ("People's prayers for Anwar have gone unfulfilled. It's time the people fought against an evil regime.")
20.	Rafizi Ramli	PKR vice-president, PKR secretary-general and Pandan Member of Parliament	23/2/2015				s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Rafizi was investigated over a picture he had posted in his Twitter account of a silhouette of what appears to be a person wearing a ceremonial wig similar to the style worn by judges, with dollar signs in each ringlet.
21.	Dr. Afif Bahardin	Penang state executive councilor	27/2/15				Sedition Act	Dr. Afif was questioned and investigated at the Bukit Aman police station over a comment regarding the Federal Court decision on Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy II case.
22.	Ng Wei Aik	Tanjung Member of Parliament	6/3/15				s.4(1) of Sedition Act	Wei Aik was investigated over an article published by the Malaysian Chinese daily, Kwong Wah Yit Poh, regarding the Federal Court's decision on Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy II case.
23.	Wan Khairul Ihsan Wan Muhammad	President of <i>Orang Muda Berpadu Anti Korupsi</i>		11/3/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Investigations were based on a Twitter comment, which called on Malays to raise a war against Chinese Malaysians.

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24.	Nurul Izzah	Lembah Pantai Member of Parliament		16/3/15			s.4(1) of Sedition Act	Investigations were initially based on her involvement in the KitaLawan rally and statement made in Parliament regarding the Federal Court's decision on Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy II case. However, after she was held in detention, the Inspector-General of Police later announced the following day that she was only being investigated for her remarks at the rally.
25.	Eric Paulsen	Lawyer and co-founder of Lawyers for Liberty		22/3/15			s.4(1) of Sedition Act	Investigations were in relation to a series of comments posted on Eric's Twitter account on the implementation of Islamic punishment by the Kelantan state government.
26.	Tony Pua Kiam Wee	Petaling Jaya Utara Member of Parliament	23/3/15				s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Tony Pua was investigated and questioned regarding his 16 March 2015 Twitter comment: "Bastards. Real bastards. Royal my foot." It was reported that his comment was a response to Nurul Izzah's arrest on 16 March 2015. His statement was taken at Bukit Aman police headquarters for about 45 minutes and was released thereafter.
27.	Michelle Yesudas	Lawyer, and Legal and Campaign Coordinator of Lawyers for Liberty		23/3/15			Sedition Act	Questioning was based on a Twitter comment regarding rape threats against a radio presenter, Aisyah Tajuddin, saying: "Because I am positively terrified that these crazy, rape-frenzied people are actually the majority in my country."
28.	Roketkini.com	Democratic	26/3/15				s.4(1)(b) of	A 24 March 2015 tweet by the

		Action Party (DAP) online news portal					Sedition Act	Inspector-General Police stated that the editor of Rokatkini would be investigated for an article entitled "Demo anti-GST: Sampai bila Polis nak jadi 'pak turut' UMNO" (Anti-GST Demo: For how long will the police remain UMNO's 'lackeys'?) dated 24 March 2015. The article quoted statements from Charles Santiago, Klang Member of Parliament, regarding the response of the police to the anti-GST rally on 24 March. Charles provided a statement to the Bukit Aman police headquarters on 26 March 2015 as a witness to facilitate investigations against the online news portal.
29.	Rafizi Ramli	PKR vice-president, PKR secretary-general and Pandan Member of Parliament	27/3/15				Sedition Act	Investigations were based on a statement/letter calling all Malaysians to attend KitaLawan rally on 28 March.
30.	Fariz Musa	PKR Managing Secretary and Jingga 13 Coordinator		28/3/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act and s.143 of Penal Code	Investigations were concerning involvement in the 28 March 2015 KitaLawan rally.
31.	Datuk Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa @ Mat Sabu	PAS deputy president		28/3/15			Sedition Act	Investigations were concerning involvement in the 28 March 2015 KitaLawan rally.
32.	Ho Kay Tat	Publisher & CEO of The Edge Media		31/3/15			s. 4(1) Sedition Act & s.233 of Communications	Investigations are in relation to a 25 March 2015 article, which said that the Confederation of Rulers

		Group					and Multimedia Act	had rejected a proposal to amend a federal law that would pave the way for Islamic punishments to be enforced in Kelantan.
33.	Jahabar Sadiq	Chief Executive of Malaysian Insider		31/3/15			s. 4(1) Sedition Act & s.233 of Communications and Multimedia Act	Investigations are in relation to a 25 March 2015 article, which said that the Confederation of Rulers had rejected a proposal to amend a federal law that would pave the way for Islamic punishments to be enforced in Kelantan.
34.	Lionel Morais	Editor of Malaysian Insider		30/3/15			s.4(1) of Sedition Act & s.233 of Communications and Multimedia Act	Investigations are in relation to a 25 March 2015 article, which said that the Confederation of Rulers had rejected a proposal to amend a federal law that would pave the way for Islamic punishments to be enforced in Kelantan.
35.	Zulkifli Sulong	Editor of Malaysian Insider		30/3/15			s.4(1) of Sedition Act & s.233 of Communications and Multimedia Act	Investigations are in relation to a 25 March 2015 article, which said that the Confederation of Rulers had rejected a proposal to amend a federal law that would pave the way for Islamic punishments to be enforced in Kelantan.
36.	Amin Iskandar	Editor of Malaysian Insider		30/3/15			s.4(1) of Sedition Act & s.233 of Communications and Multimedia Act	Investigations are in relation to a 25 March 2015 article, which said that the Confederation of Rulers had rejected a proposal to amend a federal law that would pave the way for Islamic punishments to be enforced in Kelantan.
37.	Irwan Yahya	Secretariat of Jingga 13		31/4/15			s.4(1)(c) of Sedition Act	Irwan was investigated at the Dang Wangi police station over his 29 March 2015 tweet: "Biarkn @KBAB51 mnahan klawi blh smua leader senior PR..agr mdh bg kmi

								<p>mgjar igp mgikut cra org mda tpa skatan senior2 PR..igp..bersedialah.." ("Let @KBAB51 arrest, if he can, all of the senior PR leaders...so that it will be easy for us to teach the IGP to follow the way of the youths without being impeded by the seniors in PR...IGP...get ready...")</p>
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Persons investigated or arrested initially for sedition but was later changed to a different offence

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1.	Khalid Samad	Shah Alam Member of Parliament		29/3/15			s.143 of the Penal Code	<p>It was noted that it was reported that Khalid was initially arrested under the Sedition Act. (See: http://www.nst.com.my/node/78593)</p> <p>However, it was later clarified by Khalid that that he was being investigated for illegal assembly, and not sedition. (See: http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/police-could-have-just-called-me-i-would-have-gone-to-station-says-pas-lawm)</p>