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Year 2010

Investigation

- 1. Hassan Skodeng (aka Irwan Abdul Rahman) / Blogger / Sept 10
 - Hassan was charged under sedition after posting a blog piece poking fun at power firm Tenaga Nasional Bhd entitled "TNB to sue WWF over Earth Hour". The charge against him was later dropped.
- 2. Wee Meng Chee (aka Namewee) / Musician & Film maker / August 10
 He was investigated for sedition after posting a YouTube video named "Nah" which drew allegations he was stirring up ethnic tensions in Malaysia.
- 3. Badrul Hisham Shaharin aka Chegubard / PKR supreme council member / 10 July 10

 Badrul Hisham was detained under the Sedition Act in relation to a posting on his blog about the Yang-di-Pertuan Agong and the royal institution.

Charges

- 4. Zulkiflee SM Anwar Ulhaque (aka Zunar) / Cartoonist / charge on 24 Sept 10
 He was arrested and charged for sedition for publishing book Cartoon-O-Phobia deemed detrimental to public order.
- 5. Hawee Othman / Bookstore owner / charge on 21 Aug 2010
 She was charged under sedition for selling a monthly magazine titled "Isu Dalam Karton" published by cartoonist Zulkifli Anwar Ulhaque.

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Investigation

1. Abdul Aziz Bari / Law professor at the Universiti Islam Antarabangsa / Oct 11

He was investigated under the Sedition Act and the Communications and Multimedia Act for his comments made in reaction to the Selangor Sultan's decree on JAIS search on a church in Petaling Jaya. He suggested that Sultan had a right to intervene but it had to be in line with Islam.

2. Chan Lilian / Citizen / July 11

Chan was investigated under the Sedition Act and the Police Act 1967 for her tweet on 29 June 2011 which allegedly had incited Christians to go against the federal government.

Charges

3. Suhaimi Shafiei / PKR Seri Musa State assemblyman / charged on March 11

He was charged under the Sedition Act for allegedly posting subversive blog content about the Sultan of Selangor

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- Irene Fernandex / Human Rights Activist, Tenagita Executive Director / 18 May 12
 Fernandez was investigated under sedition for being unpatriotic, a traitor to her own country by saying that Malaysia is not a safe country for Indonesian workers in an article published on an Indonesian newspaper. She was later released and no charges were made against her.
- 2. Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin / PAS Politician / 30 May 12
 He was investigated for sedition for posting his Tweeter comment, which stated that the RM520,000 spent by Johor Sultan to purchase a number plate can be better spent on poor Malays in Johor. No charges were made against him.
- 3. Ahmad Abd Jalil / Student activist / 2 Nov 12
 Ahmad was arrested for posting a comment on Facebook which allegedly implied that the Sultan of Johor is not fit to rule the state. He was released without charged but was shortly rearrested and charged under the Multimedia and Communication Act 1998.
- 4. Ong Sing Yee / Citizen / Sept 12
 Ong was arrested and investigated under sedition for stepping on a photo of Prime Minister Najib
 Razak at Dataran Merdeka on the eve of National Day celebration.
- 5. Mohd Zairi, Shafa'ai & Muhammad Nasir Abu Bakar / 24 years old youth / Sept 12
 The duo was investigated under the Sedition Act for flying a pre-independence flag (which was not the national flag) during the Janji Demokrasi rally.
- 6. S Arutchelvan / Parti Sosialis Malaysia secretary general / March 12
 He was questioned for 40 minutes by the police over speeches they made at an Anything But Umno (ABU) ceramah on Jan 23 in Beranang. No charges were made against him

Charges

7. Syed Abdullah Syed Hussein Al-Attas (aka Uncle Seeker) / TV Show host / charge on 10 July 12

He was arrested for an investigation under the Sedition Act for making several alleged defamatory postings on his blog about the Johor Sultan and the royal family.

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Investigation

- 1. Ibrahim Ali / Leader of PERKASA / investigated on 23 January 13
 - Ibrahim Ali was investigated for allegedly calling Muslims to burn Malay-language bibles that contain the word "Allah" and other religious Arabic script.
- 2. Khalid Ismath / Student activist / 22 May 13

Khalid was arrested for alleged Facebook postings on the Blackout Rally, a series of Opposition organised rallies to protest against election fraud. Khalid was later released.

- 3. Husam Musa / Politician PAS vice president / 22 May 13
 - Husam was arrested for alleged seditious statement during a speech in Ketereh, Kelantan on 12 June. Husam was later released.
- Cynthia Gabriel / Activist SUARAM's volunteer & local councilor / July 13
 Gabriel was questioned in relation to Suaram's fundraising dinner on the Scorpene case, organised on 19 July 2013.
- 5. Americk Sidhu / Lawyer / 14 Aug 13

Sidhu was questioned over his speech during the same Suaram's fundraising dinner attended by Gabriel.

- 6. Nurul Izzah / Politician Parti Keadilan Rakyat MP for Lembah Pantai / 16 Aug 13
 - Nurul was also questioned over his speech during the same Suaram's fundraising dinner attended by Gabriel and Americk.
- 7. Papagomo / BN Supporter, blogger / 7 May 13

Papagomo was arrested for posting 2 seditious and racist tweets.

8. King Jason / Pro-opposition blogger / 7 May 13

King Jason was arrested for posting 3 seditious Tweets

- 9. Melissa Gooi / 5 June 13
 - Melissa was investigated for allegedly insulted the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.
- 10. Datuk Abdul A. Samad Said / National laureate / investigated on 4 Sept 13

Datuk A. Samad was investigated for allegedly flying the Sang Saka Malaya flag

Charge

- 11. Adam Adli / Student activist / charge on 23 May 13
 - Adam was arrested and charged over remarks he made at a public forum on 13 May 2013, where he urge the public to take to the streets to protest against electoral fraud.
- 12. Haris Ibrahim / Civil society activist Asalkan Bukan Umno / charge on 29 May 13
 Haris was charged for uttering seditious words at a public forum on May 13 (the same public forum attended by Adam Adli). He was released and rearrested on 28 May for sedition.
- 13. Chua Tian Chang / Politician Parti Keadilan Rakyat's MP for Baru / charge on 1 March 2013

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Tian was charged with sedition for his remarks made in relation to the Sulu incursion of Lahad Duta, publisged in the opposition paper "Keadilan Daily"

charge on 29 May 13

Chua was slapped with second sedition charge and arrested along with Haris & Adam for the similar alleged speech at the same event.

14. Tamrin Ghafar / Politician - Parti Islam Se-malaysia's MP for Batu Berendam / charge on 29 May 13

Tamrin was arrested along with Adam & others for the similar alleged speech at the same event.

15. Safwan Anang / Student Activist / charge on 29 May 13

Safwan was arrested along with Adam & others for the similar alleged speech at the same event. Safwan refused to be bailed upon his charge as a symbol of his protest against the charge. Upon constant persuasion from family and his lawyers, Safwan was released from Sungai Buloh prison after his family paid a RM5,000 surety.

Safwan was convicted for sedition and sentenced to 10 months imprisonment on 5 September 2014.

16. Hishamuddin Rais / Activist & Film maker / charge on 29 May 13

Hishamuddin was arrested along with Adam & others for the similar alleged speech at the same event.

17. Alvin & Vivian / Blogger / charge on 18 Aug 2013

Alvin and Vivian was charged under the Penal Code, the Film Censorship Act 2002 and the Sedition Act for jointly making an alleged seditious posting on Facebook by uploading a photo of themselves eating bak kut teh (a pork dish) with the caption "Selamat Berbuka Puasa with bak kut teh...fragrant, delicious and appetising" together with the "halal" logo on July 11, 2013.

Conviction

18. P. Uthayakumar / Activist - Indian rights leader (HINDRAF) / convicted on 5 June 13
He was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months for penning seditious remarks in his December 8,
2007 letter to former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown by KL Sessions Court. A former
Internal Security Act (ISA) detainee, he was found guilty under section 4(1)(a) of the Sedition Act
1948.

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Investigation

- 1. Phang Ah Ngang /School management board member / investigated on 10 Jan 2014
 - Phang was investigated for apparently asking a Muslim convert to remove her hijab if she wants to continue teaching at Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina (SJKC) Nan Ya in Teluk Sengat, Johor.
- 2. Mohd Razlan Muhammad Rafii / investigated on 22 May 2014

Mohd Razlan was investigated for allegedly threatened to burn down the DAP headquarters over the "UMNO celaka" remark made by DAP's Seri Delima assemblyperson RSN Rayer.

- 3. Sim Kwang Yung / investigated on 20 July 2014
 - Sim was investigated for allegedly uttering seditious words in his Facebook account
- 4. Ustaz Shahul Hamid Seeni Mohd / Muslim Preacher / investigated on 31 Jul 2014
 Ustaz Shahul was investigated for a video clip on YouTube where Shahul is said to have insulted Indians and the Hindu religion
- 5. Anonymous / Student / Aug 14

A Form 5 student in Penang is being probed under the Sedition Act for liking a Facebook page titled "I Love Israel". The Taman Tasek Mutiara student had been severely criticized and threatened after his 'like' was shared by one of his teacher on her Facebook page.

- 6. Rafizi Ramli / Politician PKR vice president, Pandan MP / Aug 14
 - Rafizi was in a sedition probe for two of his statements:
 - for releasing to the press a letter purportedly from Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek to Bank Rakyat
 - · for a book titled "Reformasi 2.0: The Facts of Anwar Ibrahim's case"
- 7. "Smallfield Benjamin" / investigated on 2 Aug 2014

Smallfield Benjamin was investigated for a post on Facebook which is alleged to be insulting to Malays and Islam.

- 8. Kelvin Yip / investigated on 2 Aug 2014
 - Kelvin was investigated for allegedly complaining in a disrespectfully manner about the "Azan" call to prayer.
- 9. Hassan Karim / Lawyer & Johor PKR deputy chief / 29 Aug 14

Hassan was asked for questioning by the police with regards to a twitter he posted on Aug 15, which was said to have infuriated pro-government Malay NGOs who lodged police report against PKR for posting statements deemed insulting to the Sultan.

The Twitter post on August 15 at the heart of the complaint read:

"@hasankarim51: The government of (Tan Sri) Abdul Khalid Ibrahim in Selangor is now illegal; Excos are illegal; decision of the its meetings illegal; their wages are illegal. The palace is supporting something illegal. What kind of Sultan is this? When Selangor is in a serious crisis he is abroad".

10. Susan Loone / Journalist for Malaysia Kini / 3 Sept 14

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Susan is investigated under sedition for an article headlined "Disoal siasat selama 4 jam dakwa dilayan seperti penjenayah" and 'Exco man grilled for four hours, treated like a criminal', published on 1 Sept. 10 police reports have been lodged against her for defaming the police.

11. Phee Boon Poh / Penang state executive councillor / investigated on 3 Sept 14

Phee was investigated under Section 4(1)(c) of the Sedition Act for publishing allegedly seditious materials, an article titled "Disoalsiasat selama 4 jam, dakwa dilayan seperti penjenayah" (interrogated for four hours, treated like a criminal), which reported the conditions experienced by Phee when he was arrested in relation to the police crackdown on Penang volunteer patrol (PPS) unit

12. Viktor Wong / Activist / 5 Sept 14

Viktor was under investigation for criticizing the Inspector-General of Police on 31 August 2014 when he posted on twitter: "Bastardization of @PDRMsia. Thanks to the ruthless@KBAB51. Henrich Himmler of Malaysia."

13. Nasrul Omar / Twitter User / Sept 14

Nasrul is under investigation for allegedly tweeting that the Inspector-General of Police was a "Barisan Nasional dog."

14. At least three other anonymous individuals are under investigation for "being disrespectful" to the Inspector-General of Police on twitter following the controversy.

15. Abu Bakar / Islam Preacher / arrested on 11 September 14

Abu Bakar, 44 years old, was arrested at about 11.30am when he turned up for questioning at the district police headquarters in Penang. He is being investigated under Section 4(1)(b) of the Sedition Act for allegedly uttering seditious criticism against Putrajaya and the police for the mass arrest of Penang's Voluntary Patrol Unit (PPS) members a week ago. The remark was made during a Friday sermon delivered at Masjid Acheh Kebun Lama along Jalan Terengganu in Penang.

16. Doris Jones / Facebook user / investigated on 12 Sept 14

Doris Jones is wanted by police in Sabah for a sedition investigation for facilitating a Facebook group called "Sabah Sarawak Keluar Malaysia" (Sabah Sarawak out of Malaysia). Jones is a UK-based lawyer and is believed to be suffering from a neurological movement disorder and is wheelchair-bound.

17. Edmond Bon / Lawyer, founder of LoyarBurok / investigated on 12 Sept 14

Edmond has been called by the police to give his statement for comments he made to news portal The Malaysian Insider, published in a January 20, 2014 article titled "Bukan Islam tidak perlu patuh kepada titah Diraja atau fatwa" (Non-Muslims do not have to obey royal decrees or fatwa).

- 18. Tan Sri Simon Sipaun / former SUHAKAM vice-chairman / investigated on 17 Sept 14 2 police officers arrived at Sipaun's home in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 17 Sept, afternoon for an investigation on the alleged seditious statement made at a forum on 29 Aug 14. In his speech, he commented that Borneo before Malaysia as he remembered was safe, pleasant and peaceful without issue on federalism, legality of 'Allah' etc. The police questioning lasted for 40 mins.
- 19. Syafiq Abdul Wahiq / Airport cargo worker / investigated on 20 Sept 14 Syafiq was nabbed at his workplace at KLIA at 3am on 20 Sept and was taken to Serdang police station. He was remanded for 3 days for his position as the administrator for the Facebook page named "Persatuan Kongsi Gelap Melayu" (Malay Triad Association), which is supposing to be a parody, as explained on the Facebook page.
- 20. Anwar Ibrahim / PKR de facto leader / investigated on 26 Sept 14

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Anwar Ibrahim was investigated for sedition over an alleged seditious speech made on 25 March 2011 in relation to his sodomy charge.

21. Alvin Tan / Sex Blogger / investigated on 29 Sept 14

Alvin Tan is being investigated under the Sedition Act for criticising, among others, Prime Minister Najib Razak, IGP Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar & Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. Alvin referred to IGP Khalid as the German nazi commander Heinrich Himmler and said Zahid was "the closest thing to true evil".

Alvin, who is currently facing multiple charges over his now defunctioned sex blog and controversial Hari Raya greeting is now seeking political asylum in the US.

22. Dr Abdul Aziz Bari / Law professor / investigated on 1 Oct 14

Dr Abdul was investigated under Section 4(1)(a) for 2 of his controversial article published on The Malaysian Insiders:

- a) 1 Sept 14 Sultan Selangor terikat Deklarasi 1992, perlu lantik Wan Azizah, kata Aziz Bari:
- b) 9 Sept 14 Only God, not Sultan, has absolute powers, says legal expert

23. Dalbinder Singh Gill / Law Graduate / investigated on 30 Sept 14

Dalbinder was detained late night under the Sedition Act for allegedly questioning Malay special privileges and royalty on his Facebook page.

He is now released on bail.

24. Teo Nie Ching / Kulai MP / investigated on 2 November 2014

Teo was contacted by a Johor police for her statement commenting IGP Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim in relation to the custodial death of Teoh Beng Hock during the DAP Pekan Nenas dinner a week ago. However, the police confirm she is being investigated now, but did not claim it is under sedition

25. Zunar's Assistant x 3 (1 man & 2 women) / arrested and investigated on 6 November 2014

A man and two women were arrested for selling copies of book by controversial cartoonist Zulkiflee Anwar Ulhaque, also known as Zunar, which was critical of the judiciary and the country's leaders. The books were sold at the compound of the Palace of Justice in Putrajaya since 28 October 2014, first day of Anwar's sodomy trial. The trio were picked up by plain-clothed policemen at 6.50pm and all the items on sale were also seized. They were detained under Section 2(3) of the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984, and investigated under the Penal Code and Sedition Act.

26. Wilson Chow Wai Soon / IT Operator / investigated on

On 28 October 2014, Wilson received a 111 notice from police to come forward for an interview in Bukit Mertajam police station for allegedly posted a seditious comment on hi Facebook page. Wilson is in the midst of transferring venue of interview to Kuala Lumpur as it is inconvenient for him to travel to Bukit Mertajam

27. Zunar / Political cartoonist / investigated on 20 November 2014

Zunar has been asked to come forward for an investigation under the Sedition Act for two of his allegedly seditious cartoon books titled "Konspirasi Memenjarakan Anwar" and "Pirate of the Carry-BN". This is the second sedition investigation against Zunar. He was first investigated in 2009 but no charges were made against him.

Charge

28. Teresa Kok / Politician - DAP Seputeh MP / charge on 06 May 14

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Teresa was charge for her alleged insult against nation's top leaders and Muslims in her "Oneferful Malaysia CNY 2014" video

29. Gopinath Jayaratnam / Assistant engineer / charge on 19 June 14

Gopinath Jayaratnam was charged on 19 June 2014 under Section 4(1)(c) of the Sedition Act for allegedly making a "lewd and vulgar" posting about Islam on Facebook on 25 September 2012

30. Hidayat Mohamed / Citizen / charged on 12 June 2014

A 35-year old special school teacher was charged under Section 4(1)(c) of the Sedition Act for making remarks allegedly insulting the Thaipusam procession on a Facebook page (which has been taken down) in 17 January 2014.¹

He pleaded guilty to the alternate charge under Section 233(1)(a) of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998

31. Abdullah Zaik Abdul Rahman / President of Isma / charge on 19 June 14

On 19 June 2014, Abdullah Zaik Abd Rahman, president of Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (Isma) was charged with sedition over his alleged statement that labelled Malaysian Chinese as "trespassers" in the country. Zaik caused much controversy when the statement was made on 6 May 2014 and later published in an article titled "*Kedatangan pendatang Cina bersama penjajah British satu bentuk pencerobohan* (the arrival of the Chinese with the British colonialists was a form of intrusion)" on the Isma's website. The main charge was an offence under Section 4(1)(b) of the Sedition Act for uttering the allegedly seditious statement. Zaik also faced an alternate charge under Section 4(1)(c) of the same Act.² Zaik's sedition trial was twice postponed at the Sessions court, pending Federal Court's decision in Azmi Sharom's constitutional challenge of the Sedition Act 1948.

32. N. Surendran / Lawyer & PKR vice president / charge on 19 Aug 14

N. Surendran was charged for sedition for his news release titled "Court of Appeal's Fitnah 2 Written Judgement is Flawed, Defensive & Insupportable" released on Malaysiakini, 18 April 2014. Surendran's statement was a common practice for lawyer to dissect court judgement in which he analysed Anwar's grounds of appeal and scrutinize our legal and judiciary system.

charge on 28 Aug 14

Surendran is once again charged with sedition with regards to a YouTube video dated Aug 8, in which he had stated that Anwar's sodomy II appeal was a political conspiracy involving Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak. In the video, Surendran also raised concerns that the country's judiciary system had been abused by the government and used against Anwar.

Constitutional Challenge

On 19 December 2014, the Sessions Court allowed Surendran's constitutional challenge of the Sedition Act to the Kuala Lumpur High Court. Two questions in relation to the constitutionality of the Sedition Act are now referred to the high court - whether the Sedition Act 1948 is constitutional or otherwise and; and whether the Act breaches three provisions in the Federal Constitution, namely the liberty of person, equality, and freedom of speech, assembly and association.

33. Sugumaran Periasamy / former secretary for PKR / charged on 22 Aug 14

Sugumaran was charged under section 4(1)(c) for a Twitter posting made on 4 Jul 11: "Alat terbaru politik BN, Agong bertitah mengikut kehendak @najib razak"

34. Khalid Samad / Politician - PAS Shah Alam MP / charge on 26 Aug 14

¹ The Star Online, "Two claim trial over seditious FB postings" 20 June 2014. See:

http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/06/20/Two-claim-trial-over-seditious-FB-postings/; The Malaysian Insider,

[&]quot;School teacher claims trial over Thaipusam posting", 19 June 2014. See:

http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/school-teacher-claims-trial-over-thaipusam-posting

² New Straits Times Online, "ISMA president charged with sedition", 19 June 2014. See: http://www.nst.com.my/node/4294

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Khalid was arrested for challenging the decision and position of the Sultan of Selangor as the head of Islam in the State during a press conference in the Parliament Building at 11.30 am on June 17. He called for the executive powers given to Mais by the law to be reviewed. He made the call after Mais failed to follow the attorney-general's decision that the Iban and Malaylanguage Bibles seized by the Jais be returned to the Bible Society of Malaysia.

- 35. RSN Rayer / Politician PR Seri Delima state assemblyman / charge on 27 Aug 2014
 Rayer was slapped with 2 charges under the Sedition Act over his controversial "celaka celaka Umno" (damn damn Umno) remark on May 20 this year during the state legislative assembly sitting and on May 22 to a crowd in Bukit Gelugor by-election ceramah at Jalan Delima.
- 36. Azmi Sharom / Academic University Malaya Law Professor / charge on 2 Sept 14 Azmi was charged over an article titled "Take Perak crisis route for speedy end to Selangor impasse, Pakatan told" published on The Malay Mail Online on August 14. He was charged for uttering a seditious statement and an alternative charge of publishing the seditious statement.

Azmi and his counsel have filed the application arguing that Section 4(1) of the Sedition Act 1948 is unconstitutional as it violates citizen's right to freedom of speech guaranteed under Article 10 of the Federal Constitution. In addition, Azmi argued that the Sedition is not a valid legislation as it was never passed in our Parliament. On 5 November 2014, the High Court judge Karmadin Hashim referred Azmi's constitutional challenge straight to the highest court in the land of Malaysia. The judge invoked Section 84 of the Courts of Judicature Act which allows the High Court to refer the matter to the Federal Court. By this, the highest court in the land will have the opportunity to clarify the legal position of the Act.

37. David Orok / Politician - State Reform Party / charge on 3 Sept 14
David was charged under sedition for allegedly insulting Islam and Prophet Muhammad on his Facebook page 2 months ago. However, there was an apology dated July 5 on his Facebook

page, saying that he had no intention of hurting anyone or Islam with his comments.

38. Ali Abd Jalil / Activist / charge on 08 Sept 14

Ali was charged with a total of 3 sedition charges on 8 September 2014. With 2 counts of sedition for making 2 seditious publications on his Facebook page in 18 August 2014, which allegedly insulted Selangor's Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah in relation to the ongoing chief minister crisis in the State.

The third charged was for producing a seditious publication, also on his Facebook page, at about 2pm, on 21 January 2014.

Ali decided not to post bail in Shah Alam Sessions Court as he feared for further persecution by authority in the state of Johor. True enough, he was soon re-arrested on 22 September 2014 after posted his bail in Shah Alam Sessions Court and immediately sent to Johor Bahru Selatan police station for another investigation under sedition law. Ali was remanded for another 4 days, and released without charge on 27 September 2014, Ali was then again brought to police station in Nusajaya in the state of Johor for another investigation under sedition and remanded for 2 days, which ended on 29 September 2014.

Such is an apparent gross abuse of power by the police, as the police could have consolidate Ali's investigation into one instead of dragging him across states. The police, until today, have not given a valid justification as to why such baffling decision is made.

39. Wan Ji Wan Hussin / Muslim Preacher, Public Speaker / charge on 10 September 2014
Wan Ji was charged for sedition for making a statement allegedly insulted the Sultan of Selangor,
Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, via Facebook on Nov 5, 2012. He questioned whether the Sultan shouldn't be the head of the state and that they were not as noble as a Muslim caliph

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- 40. Late Karpal Singh / Human rights lawyer, DAP Chairman / convicted on 21 Feb 12
 The late Karpal Singh was convicted for having said at his legal firm that that the removal of
 Mohammad Nizar and the appointment of Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir as Chief Minister by
 Sultan of Perak is questionable in court.
- 41. Safwan Anang / Student Activist / charge on 29 May 13 & convicted on 5 Sept 14

 Safwan was arrested along with Adam & others for the similar alleged speech at the same event.

 Safwan was convicted for sedition and sentenced to 10 months imprisonment on 5 September 2014 and was granted a stay of execution pending appeal with a RM15,000 bail.
- 42. Adam Adli / Student activist / charge on 23 May 13
 Adam was arrested and charged over remarks he made at a public forum on 13 May 2013, where he urge the public to take to the streets to protest against electoral fraud.
 He was found guilty by the Session Court on 20 September 14, sentenced to 1 year imprisonment and was granted a stay of execution pending appeal with a RM5,000 bail.

Other Charges

- 43. Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin / Politician PAS Changkat Jering assemblyman, former chief minister of Perak state(Mar 08 Feb 09) / charge on 25 Aug 14
 Nizar was charged under the rarely used Section 500 of the Penal Code for criminal defamation for an alleged offence committed on April 23, 2012 at Taman Desa Pakatan in Ipoh. He is said to have criminally defamed Prime Minister Najib Razak. The complain report was lodged by an officer identified only as Major General Datuk Abdul Aziz 3 days after the alleged incident.
- 44. Rafizi Ramli / Politician PKR vice president, Pandan MP / charge on 28 Aug 14
 Rafizi was charged under Section 504 of the Penal Code for his alleged statements in The
 Edge on Feb 4, 2012 in the article "Will Rafizi quit if Selangor is not toppled". It was alleged that
 his statements could have caused anger and hatred to be directed at Umno members.
- 45. Chow Mun Fai / Facebook User / charge on 9 September 14
 Chow was sentenced to one year's jail after he pleaded not guilty to making remarks disparaging Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. He was charged with posting a Hari Raya Aidilfitri greeting that included the words "devil" and "bak kut teh" on his Facebook on 12 June. The charge was proffered under Section 233 (1)(a) of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998.
 Chow was also charged under Section 4(1)(c) of the Sedition Act, which no longer applies when he pleaded guilty to the alternative charge under the CMA.
- 46. Viktor Wong / Political Analyst / charge on 11 Sept 14
 Viktor was investigated under the Sedition on 5 Sept 14 for for criticizing the Inspector-General of Police on 31 August 2014 when he posted on twitter: "Bastardization of @PDRMsia. Thanks to the ruthless@KBAB51. Henrich Himmler of Malaysia." He was however, later charged for Section 504 of the Penal Code and alternatively Section 233(1)(a) of the Communication and Multimedia Act 1998 for the same statement made.
- 47. A Rajaretinam / Malaysian Indian Progressive Association (Mipas) leader / charged on 2
 Oct 14

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Rajaretinam was charged under **Section 504 of the Penal Code** at a sessions court in Sungai Petani for allegedly making seditious comments against the Indian Muslim community and the Malaysian Indian Muslim Congress (Kimma). He is now on bail of RM 4,0000 with one surety.