

Malaysia: Police probe PSM's Jeyakumar over posting on Perak farmer's arrest

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Police are investigating PSM chairperson Dr Michael Jeyakumar Devaraj over a Facebook posting demanding the release of a farmer arrested in Perak last Friday.

Police said the social media posting on the same day was “malicious and twisted facts about the incident, purporting that the police had trespassed on the land”.

“Perak police deny any trespassing by any government agencies who were assisted by the police during the incident,” Perak police chief Mior Faridalathrash Wahid said.

He added that the PSM leader's Facebook statement “appeared to have been made with the intention to incite public sentiments against the credibility of public agencies, including the police force”.

Jeyakumar is being investigated under Section 505(C) of the Penal Code, which deals with public incitement to commit a crime, and Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act for abuse of network facilities.

In response, the former Sungai Siput MP said he will cooperate with the police.

“I hope the police will also take action on the parties which are benefiting from the alienation of state land to private companies at grossly discounted prices. We have evidence,” he said on Twitter.

Generations of farming on the land

In the Facebook [posting](#) now subject to investigation, Jeyakumar urged for farmer Tan Tean Chee to be released from police custody.

Tan was [arrested](#) on Friday night, following an incident involving a state government subsidiary that same day.

Jeyakumar alleged that the Perak Development Corporation (PKNP) had “trespassed” on Tan's farm without notice, to conduct tests on the soil.

“This is despite the High Court on April 1 rejecting the oral application by the PKNP to conduct such works,” he wrote.

Tan was released on police bail at 1.30am on Saturday after being held for three hours at the Ipoh district police station.

PSM said Tan was among the 132 farmers involved in an ongoing legal battle against the PKNP to defend their rights to land that they had worked on for generations.

The farmers received an eviction notice last December.

Jeyakumar earlier said the farmers had in 1989 attempted to apply for a Temporary Occupation Licence from the state but allegedly did not receive a response.

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