



PRESS RELEASE

INVESTIGATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 124B AND 124I OF THE PENAL CODE

With reference to the news reports of investigations being carried out by the Royal Malaysia Police under sections 124B and 124I of the Penal Code, the Attorney General's Chambers would like to emphasize to the public that these are serious offences under the law.

Under section 124B of the Penal Code it is a criminal offence to commit an activity detrimental to parliamentary democracy by any means, directly or indirectly. The offence is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to twenty years.

Under section 124I of the Penal Code any person who, by word of mouth or in writing or in any newspaper, periodical, book, circular, or other printed publication or by any other means including electronic means spreads false reports or makes false statements likely to cause public alarm commits an offence that is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years.

It has also been brought to the Attorney General's Chambers attention that police reports have been made against persons both within and outside the

country which are being investigated under sections 124B and 124I of the Penal Code.

In this regard, an arrest warrant has been issued in Malaysia against Ms Clare Rewcastle Brown @ Clare Louise Brown on 5 August 2015 in relation to the ongoing investigation by the Royal Malaysia Police under section 124B of the Penal Code in relation to allegations that the Sarawak Report website, an online publication, administered/ run by/ managed by Ms Clare Rewcastle Brown had on 30 July 2015 published a false report and draft sheet in the article entitled “Arrest Warrant for the Prime Minister – The Real Reason The Attorney General Was Fired” in order to implicate the Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia with criminal offences.

In light of the conviction of Mr Xavier Andre Justo, a Swiss national, by the Bangkok criminal court on 17 August 2015, the Attorney General’s Chambers has also received a positive response from its counterpart in Thailand and is in the process of obtaining further evidence under the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters among the ASEAN member countries.

The Attorney General’s Chambers assures the public that all investigation papers submitted by the Royal Malaysia Police for its attention will be studied thoroughly and given the serious attention due to such allegations as these offences will affect the stability of the country.

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